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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.30	10.55	12.20	1.45	3.10	4.35	6.00	7.25	8.50	10.15	11.40	1.05	2.30	3.55	5.20	6.45	8.10	9.35	11.00	12.25
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.39	11.04	12.29	1.54	3.19	4.44	6.09	7.34	8.59	10.24	11.49	1.24	2.49	4.14	5.39	7.04	8.29	9.54	11.19	12.44
Shatin Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.51	11.16	12.41	2.06	3.31	4.56	6.21	7.46	9.11	10.36	12.01	1.26	2.51	4.16	5.41	7.06	8.31	9.56	11.21	12.46
Tai Po Dep.	7.15	8.40	10.05	11.30	12.55	2.20	3.45	5.10	6.35	8.00	9.25	10.50	12.15	1.40	3.05	4.30	5.55	7.20	8.45	10.10	11.35	13.00
Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.20	11.45	13.10	2.35	4.00	5.25	6.50	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30	1.55	3.20	4.45	6.10	7.35	9.00	10.25	11.50	13.15
Fanning Dep.	7.33	8.58	10.23	11.48	13.13	2.38	4.03	5.28	6.53	8.18	9.43	11.08	12.33	1.58	3.23	4.48	6.13	7.38	9.03	10.28	11.53	13.18
Shing Shui Dep.	7.35	9.07	10.32	11.57	13.22	2.40	4.12	5.37	7.02	8.27	9.52	11.17	12.42	2.07	3.32	4.57	6.22	7.47	9.12	10.37	12.02	13.27
Shum-chu Dep.	7.41	9.13	10.38	12.03	13.28	2.46	4.18	5.43	7.08	8.33	9.58	11.23	12.48	2.13	3.38	4.63	5.88	7.13	8.38	9.63	10.88	12.13
Canton Arr.	12.05	1.30	2.55	4.20	5.45	7.10	8.35	9.60	10.85	12.10	1.35	2.60	3.85	5.10	6.35	7.60	8.85	10.10	11.35	12.60	1.35	2.60

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 8 A.M.	No. 9 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.
Canton Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.30	10.55	12.20	1.45	3.10	4.35	6.00	7.25	8.50	10.15	11.40	1.05	2.30	3.55	5.20	6.45	8.10	9.35	11.00	12.25
Shum-chu Dep.	7.17	8.42	10.07	11.32	12.57	2.22	3.47	5.12	6.37	8.02	9.27	10.52	12.17	1.42	3.07	4.32	5.57	7.22	8.47	10.12	11.37	13.02
Shing Shui Dep.	7.25	8.50	10.15	11.40	13.05	2.30	3.55	5.20	6.45	8.10	9.35	11.00	12.25	1.50	3.15	4.40	5.65	6.90	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30
Fanning Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.20	11.45	13.10	2.35	4.00	5.25	6.50	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30	1.55	3.20	4.45	5.70	6.95	8.20	9.45	11.10	12.35
Tai Po Dep.	7.40	9.05	10.30	11.55	13.20	2.45	4.10	5.35	7.00	8.25	9.50	11.15	12.40	2.05	3.30	4.55	6.20	7.45	9.10	10.35	12.00	13.25
Market Dep.	7.44	9.19	10.44	12.09	13.34	2.49	4.24	5.49	7.14	8.39	10.04	11.29	12.54	2.09	3.34	4.59	6.24	7.49	9.14	10.39	12.04	13.29
Shatin Dep.	7.57	9.22	10.47	12.12	13.37	2.52	4.27	5.52	7.17	8.42	10.07	11.32	12.57	2.12	3.37	4.62	5.87	7.12	8.37	9.62	10.87	12.12
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.11	9.36	11.01	12.26	13.51	2.56	4.31	5.56	7.21	8.46	10.11	11.36	13.01	2.16	3.41	4.66	5.91	7.16	8.41	9.66	10.91	12.16
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.42	11.07	12.32	13.57	3.02	4.27	5.52	7.17	8.42	10.07	11.32	12.57	2.22	3.47	4.72	5.97	7.22	8.47	9.72	10.97	12.22

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Paris.—For France the year 1929 has been a year of liquidation—mainly in world war reparations and in France's contractual obligations to the Anglo-Saxon Powers. The ten-year-old problem of the Central Empire's war debt was virtually solved, and what was equally important, a tacit liaison was established between Germany's payments and the payments of the Allies to the ultimate receivers, namely the United States and Great Britain.

The Young Plan.

Although the reparations agreement, embodied in the Young Plan, has not yet been ratified by the various Parliaments, the first conference which was held at the Hague in order to clarify the plan, was hailed as a step forward, and the concluding conference, which will complete the working machinery for the Young Plan, is scheduled for the beginning of 1930. Inasmuch as the Young Plan will run for fifty-two years, the full year of negotiation and international bargaining required to get Germany's and the Allies' signatures, would seem a justifiable effort.

Independent of the Young Plan negotiations, the summer of 1929 saw the ratification of the Mellon-Beranger Debt accord with the United States, and the Caillaux-Churchill accord with Great Britain. This was one of the crowning achievements of Poincaré's Ministry, the culmination of a determined plan to put French finance in a situation of solvency, and in so honouring France's signature the stabilized franc was made doubly sure. The recent unprecedented stock panic in Wall Street caused only the slightest sympathetic reaction on the Paris Bourse. In fact, toward the close of the year, the Bank of France reported a gold reserve of 40,339,000,000 francs, which is 46.35 per cent. of the Bank's paper currency. The law requires that only 35 per cent. must be covered.

Prices in France have shown an upward tendency, consistent with the heavy taxation required to balance the annual Budget, but various measures have been recently introduced to alleviate these conditions, especially in the agricultural communities.

During the year several unhealthy financial liquidations, mainly glorified bankruptcies, went into bankruptcy, a few of the leading figures still awaiting trial. Losses to gullible investors caused Finance Minister Chéron to rush through Parliament a special banking law in which French investors will be ensured better protection. No banking concern can now conduct business without a regular license and frequent inspection, and no member of the Government is allowed to sit on the board of banking enterprises.

Political Affairs.

Although one of the main political events of the year was the fall of the Poincaré Cabinet of Republican concord, it was due as much to Poincaré's prevailing ill-health as to the fact that the great statesman had virtually completed his work. Briand took over the reins of government in what he styled a Vacation Cabinet, keeping the same Ministerial line-up. His combination was accordingly overthrown, and the traditional Opposition of the Radical Socialists spent itself in a fruitless attempt to erect a Radical Government. Edouard Daladier failing conspicuously to produce a combination that would stand. André Tardieu, one of France's most able younger statesmen, succeeded in establishing a government of Republican Solidarity, which, although it has ignored the collaboration of the Radicals, has nevertheless begun an immediate programme of important social economic reforms which has won a large liberal majority.

The mainstay of Tardieu's ministry in the issues of the day is Aristide Briand. Briand in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be enabled to carry on the traditional policy of Franco-German rapprochement, begun at Locarno and Thoiry, and continued at Geneva, at Paris, and culminating at the Hague. One of the results of Briand's peace policy was the negotiations between France and Germany for the settlement of the Saar Coal Basin, five years before the stipulated date in the Versailles Treaty.

Naval Questions.

Briand also inaugurated the first negotiations between France and

Italy on the thorny question of Latin naval parity. Inasmuch as France has had difficulty in obtaining a Treaty of Amity with Italy, the culmination of a naval accord, will probably contribute largely to further diplomatic action on the treaty. Conversations started with Count Manzoni, the Italian Ambassador to Paris, and will continue until an agreement is reached on Mediterranean policy and on submarine and destroyer ratios, prior to the London Conference.

In view of the Naval Limitations Conference, France also stiffened its sea policy, preparing a thesis of equal rights for colonial powers which may be hard to compromise at London. Launched on a building programme of 50,000 tons annually, France is determined to maintain her position as the most important submarine power, and in fast cruisers, destroyers and small units, France has become the leading continental power. In cruisers she has some of the fastest in the world, and has just launched the world's biggest submarine.

France still is one of the main sponsors of the League of Nations, and despite the formality of the London Conference, France contends that such naval disarmament must be considered merely contributory to the disarmament negotiations at Geneva. The League meetings were mainly responsible for the calling of the Young Conference, and for the ultimate withdrawal of the Army of Occupation from the Rhineland, although the third zone will not be vacated until Germany has shown her willingness to put the plan in effect.

Evidence of France's good faith in Rhineland evacuation were manifest, however, in Premier Tardieu's conversation with the German Ambassador von Hoesch, when the Reich was informed that troop withdrawal might be accomplished even earlier than the stipulated date of June 30, provided Germany will have ratified the Young Plan and started on the retroactive schedule which is figured from September 1, 1929.

Although diplomatic exchanges still continue between Paris and Moscow, little progress has been noted in the relationship between France and the Soviets.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(December 30.)

Auction: Household Furniture, 298, The Peak (Lammert Bros.), 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Sale of Crown Land, New Kowloon, Inland Lot 1255, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Cricket: Army v. Navy, Club ground.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "Corporal Kate."

Star Theatre: "All at Sea."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 9.45 a.m. and 8.10 p.m.; Low, 3.48 a.m. and 2.09 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via San Francisco (President Madison), 5 p.m.; via Siberia (President Madison), 6 p.m.

Tuesday.

(December 31.)

New Year's Eve.

Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd., Seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting, St. George's Building, 12.30 p.m.

Cricket: Army v. Navy, Club ground.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "The Fortune Hunter."

Star Theatre: "Masked Emotions."

Tea Dances: Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

New Year's Eve Carnival dances: Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel, 8 p.m.

President's Dance: Craigengower Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

Tides:—High, 11.28 a.m. and 9.13 p.m.; Low, 4.25 a.m. and 4.24 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Kumsang), 6 p.m. Outward: Europe via Marseilles (d'Artagnan), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

(January 1, 1930.)

New Year's Day.

Cricket:—H.K.C.C. v. Navy, University, Past v. Present.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "The Fortune Hunter."

Star Theatre: "Masked Emotions."

Special Tiffin: Repulse Bay Hotel, 1 p.m.

Special Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 12.12 p.m. and 9.44 p.m.; Low, 5.01 a.m. and 3.13 p.m.

Thursday.

(January 2.)

Cricket:—H.K.C.C. v. Navy, Club ground.

Hockey: Club v. H.K.S.R.A., Marina ground, 5 p.m.

Legislative Council Meeting.

Monthly Meeting, H.K. Football Referees Association, French Bank Building, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "Single Standard."

Star Theatre: "Masked Emotions."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 12.52 p.m. and 10.16 p.m.; Low, 5.37 a.m. and 3.41 p.m.

Friday.

(January 3.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

U.S.R.C. Annual Tennis Tournament, 1st round.

World Theatre: "Single Standard."

Star Theatre: "Zanda the Great."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

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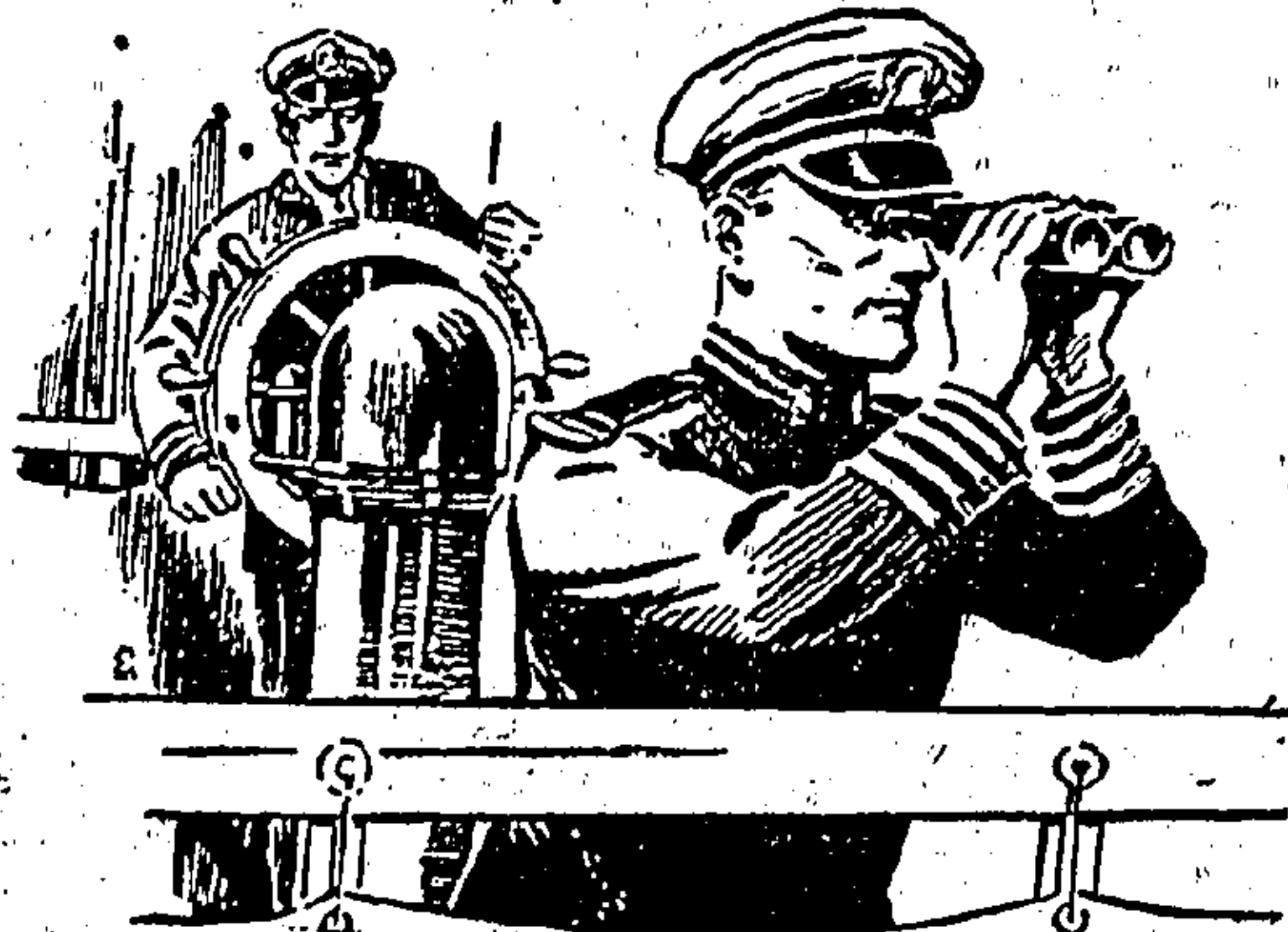
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"LOOKING BACKWARD"
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Industrial Conditions.

France is still without an unemployed problem. In fact, farmers complain that hands are scarce, and factory and mining districts have reported no lay-offs, except in cases of isolated labour disputes, which caused short-lived strikes. The outstanding feature in France's industrial life is the alarming growth of the motor industry. France is now the second nation in the world in the production of automobiles. Two of the best-known popular cars are now successfully conducting an "American" sales campaign, in which cars are bought on long-term credits. The instalment system, which operates in almost every American business, is taking hold in France, and now one can acquire a car for a first payment as low as 500 francs.

Easy Payments.

Furniture-dealers, department-stores, and even clothing-houses are beginning to advertise instalment methods, and the success of this business has been immediate.

Considerable quantities of foreign manufactured goods have made their appearance in France, and the advent of American products has become more and more apparent. Minister of Commerce Flaminio has forecast a rise in the American import tariffs if the Washington Government continues to discriminate against French exports.

Land and Sea Transport.

French shipping concerns are increasing their merchant fleets, the General Transatlantic Company having placed an order for six big freighters with a Belfast firm. Commerce with the French colonies is steadily increasing, and several new industrial products are being experimented with, such as artificial wool, combustibles, steel sectional houses, even down to needles and imitation Swedish matches.

The plans for the Sahara Railroad have progressed rapidly during year, and an active commission is now working out the financing of a project which will link continental France with interior Africa. The Channel Tunnel has been a constant subject this year, while other important tunnels have been completed through the Vosges and the Pyrenees.

The Loucheur Housing Law has encouraged the construction of many new homes in France, on which long-term payments are provided, along with a certain assistance from the State, according to the buyer's war service or family sacrifice.

This year saw the trans-Atlantic telephone extended to almost all European countries and to South America. The automatic system of local telephoning is being installed in Paris, although it will be seven or eight years before the service is complete.

General Affairs.

France's aviation accomplishments have been notable during the year, Caste and Bellonte having broken the world's record for straight-line non-stop flying in the Paris-Siberia flight. These same fliers tried the difficult Paris-New York flight last summer, but showed their merit as aviators by returning in the teeth of storms and headwinds. Although they spent more than a day in the air, their exploit was a splendid indication that good sense rather than foolhardiness is prevailing in French aviation.

The new Minister of Air, Laureat Eynac, has confined aerial exploits to invaluable liaisons with France's colonies. Hardly a week goes by that some team is not linking France with Africa, with Madagascar or with far Indo-China. These ambassadors of the air do more to consolidate the French Empire than the moving pictures of heroic exploits to America, though France has several trans-Atlantic flights to its credit, and a regular service for mail between Paris and the South American Republics.

French artistic endeavour has been shown in the institution of the Gase Velasquez, which is a sort of French Academy in Madrid. Important Credits have been voted to make this French art centre in Spain worthy of France's artistic and intellectual traditions.

It is notable that war books by authors from both the allies and enemy countries are being extensively translated and read in France. Remarque's book "On the Western Front" was one of the best sellers this year, and Dorgeles, "Wooden Cross," won him the Prix Goncourt.

The invasion of the talkies has provided a notable sensation in the theatrical world. The attendant difficulties of foreign language translation has hastened the organization of several French companies, and one picture, has already been made entirely in the talking method, and with colour films in parts, though it is difficult to foresee this picture in the export films. American talkies, however, have made a deep impression, especially those with music, and the introduction of titles has helped to solve the foreign language mystery.



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"Christian Science" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 29.

The Golden Text was: "The word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1: 25).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10: 7-10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "There are various methods of treating disease, which are not included in the commonly accepted systems: but there is only one which should be presented to the whole world, and that is the Christian Science which Jesus preached and practised and left to us as his rich legacy" (p. 344).

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
BRIGADE.WEEKLY RETURN OF
VACCINATION.

The number of persons vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, December 26, is as follows:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	6,998
King's College Division (Old)	3,464
Railway Division	1,252
Indian Division	1,189
Kowloon Division	17,065
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Father (suddenly entering room where son is supposed to be doing homework): "Do you know you are studying that book upside down?"

Son (with great presence of mind): "I do, and it's very difficult."

Teacher: "Tommy, if your father could save five shillings a week for two months, what would he have?"

Tommy: "A loudspeaker, a vacuum cleaner, a new suit and more furniture."

The Mayor hurried in to the gathering and exclaimed apologetically: "I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but I have been addressing a board meeting."

"I can quite believe that it was!" said a voice from the crowd.

"I am an advertisement canvasser. Have you any small wants I can advertise?"

"Certainly not. My servant should not have admitted you. I have told him repeatedly that I do not see canvassers."

"Then dismiss him and advertise in our paper for a more obedient one."

"Now, this is really too kind of you," began the wealthy relative to the little daughter of one of her poor relations. She took the parcel from the girl's hand and began to unwrap the birthday gift.

"I wonder what it can be?" she hazarded, with smile.

"It's a fish," declared the child.

"A fish?" echoed the other.

"Yes," confirmed the little girl, innocently. "Daddy said it was a sprat to catch a mackerel."

During the hearing of a case, a man began clattering about in the back of the courtroom, pushing over chairs and generally upsetting things.

"Young man," said the judge at length, sternly, to him. "You make a great deal of noise."

"Your honour," came the reply. "I have lost my overcoat, and I am looking for it."

"Well, well," snapped the irate judge, "people often lose whole suits here without half as much disturbance."

It was in the restaurant in one of the smaller towns in England. "Have you any oyster?" asked the diner.

"No, sir," said the waiter.

"Any lobsters?"

"No, sir."

"Any prawns?"

"No, sir. The only shellfish we has is hegs, sir."

A new soap was being put on the market by a firm of perfume makers, and the manufacturers organized a competition, offering a prize for the best slogan advertising their latest product.

When the judging began the following came to light: "If you don't use our soap, for Heaven's sake use our perfume."

Fiery General (to soldier who has volunteered for duty as his orderly): "So you want to be my orderly. You are not afraid of me?"

Soldier: "No, sir."

Fiery General: "That's right, my son; and what is your profession in private?"

Soldier: "Lion-tamer, sir."

A man, running after a tramcar, panted to the conductor. "How much to the station from here?"

"Twopence," replied the conductor.

The man continued to run, and, having covered another stretch, inquired breathlessly of the conductor. "How much now?"

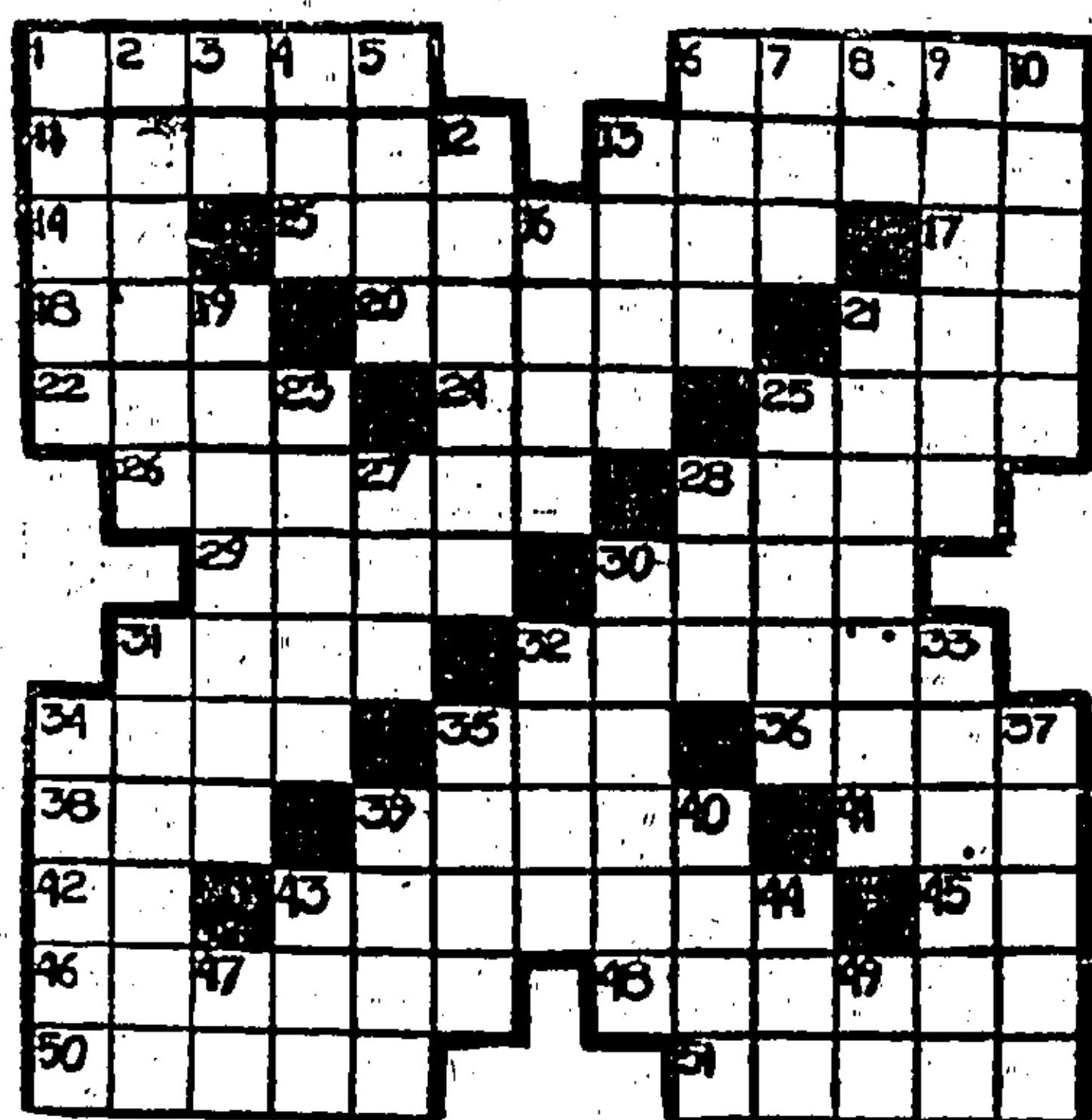
"Threepence," retorted the conductor. "Ye're runnin' the wrong way."

A policeman on point duty saw a young man removing a spare tyre from a car drawn up by the roadside, and went over and demanded to know what he was doing.

"I'm stealing this tyre—what do you suppose I'm doing?" said the young man.

The policeman, deciding he had been a bit too heroic, wandered back to his post. The other wandered down the street with the tyre. A few minutes later the owner of the car appeared and rushed to tell the policeman that his spare tyre was gone.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Best of burden.
- 2.—To evade.
- 11.—Carried out command.
- 13.—Rubber.
- 14.—Part of infinitive.
- 15.—Territory of an earl.
- 17.—Pronoun.
- 18.—Vat.
- 20.—Invasions.
- 21.—Nervous disease.
- 22.—Once more.
- 24.—Road.
- 25.—Rapid.
- 26.—Herdsman.
- 28.—Ripped.
- 29.—One who regrets.
- 30.—Acid.
- 31.—A saucy girl.
- 32.—Unemotional.
- 34.—Hastened.
- 35.—A vegetable.
- 36.—Observes.
- 38.—Kind of worm.
- 39.—Containing sensible moisture.
- 41.—To eat.
- 42.—By.
- 43.—Put in new lining.
- 45.—Symbol for Calcium.
- 46.—To begin again.
- 48.—Inclined.
- 50.—Puls.
- 51.—Rent.

Vertical.

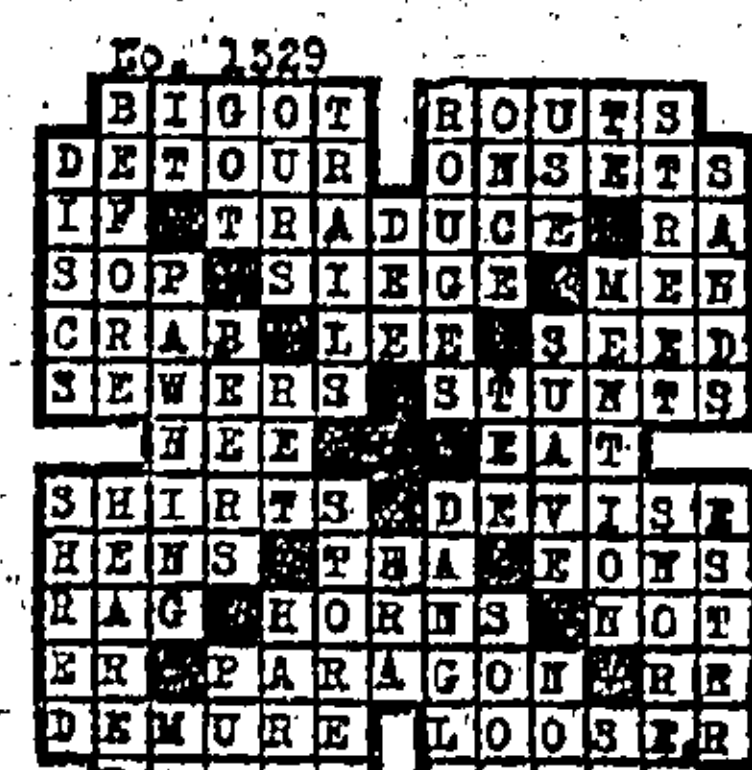
- 1.—Vestment.
- 2.—To tem.
- 3.—Personal pronoun.
- 4.—To look at.
- 5.—Shakespearean king.
- 6.—God of love.
- 7.—Colonial, to beat.
- 8.—Plural pronoun.
- 9.—To bequeath.
- 10.—Upright.
- 12.—Sliding compartment.
- 13.—Whirlpool.

16.—Prevaricator.

- 19.—Small fruits.
- 21.—Waits.
- 23.—To injure.
- 25.—Commits, unfair act.
- 27.—To irritate.
- 28.—Overly.
- 30.—Blemishes.
- 31.—Address of respect.
- 32.—Prefix; half.
- 33.—Low cards.
- 34.—Sensed by ear.
- 35.—To whine.
- 37.—Suit at cards.
- 39.—Stitches.
- 40.—Valley.
- 43.—Floor covering.
- 44.—Female deer.
- 47.—A continent (abbr.).
- 49.—Father.

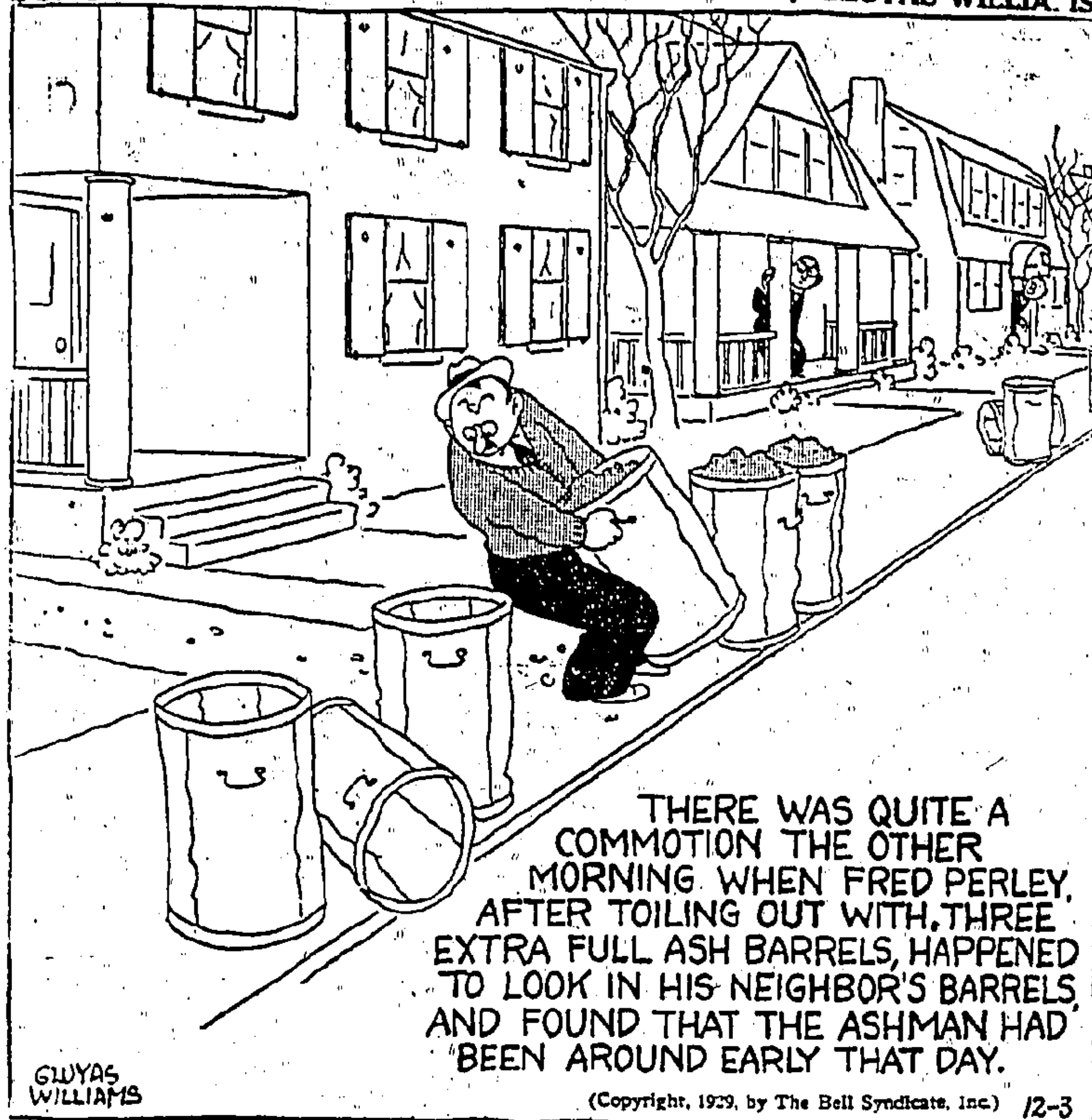
This puzzle took 19 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



SUBURBAN HEIGHTS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



PICTURES AND PLAYS.

Messrs. Clayton and Waller, in association with Mr. Gilbert Miller, have now put into rehearsal "Get Your Man," which Mr. Arthur Wimperis has adapted from Louis Verneuil's "Tu M'epouseras." The certainties in the cast are Miss Tallulah Bankhead, Mr. Allan Aynesworth, and Miss Helen Hays, while some important parts have not yet been definitely filled.

"Devil in Bronze," Mr. Austin Page's play, is a drama of many scenes, but only six characters, acted Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry, Mr. Lynn Harding, Mr. Nicholas Hannen, Mr. Reginald Bach, Mr. Alfred Clark, and Mr. Douglas Ross. The first act alone has seven scenes and four changes of scene, prominent among them Dead Man's Bury and Smugglers Cove. Other scenes are in the doctor's office at an asylum outside Vancouver and in the living-room of a lighthouse. But let one again underline the report that the interest of the play is psychological.

"The Life and Misdoings of Charlie Peace," which was produced at the Ambassadors Theatre last month was one of the most sensational entertainments. The play has been written by Mr.

Edward Percy, author of "If Four Walls Told," and is in seventeen scenes with a crime to each. The incidents are all authentic, and only the connecting links which Mr. Percy has used in binding them into a story are fictitious. This episodic treatment is similar to the manner of "Escape" and "Many Waters" and affords a pleasant relief from the rigid three and four act plays of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Charlie Peace in Mr. Percy's drama was played by Mr. Robert Farquharson.

Chaliapine, the Russian bass, has started a British and Irish tour, at Cardiff, Italian, French, German, and Russian, "especially the Russian," will be the languages which he will sing on his tour. Last month Chaliapine sang in Barcelona at a special command performance attended by the Queen of Spain. After his English tour he goes to Riga, Budapest, Copenhagen, and Switzerland. Chaliapine said he certainly liked going back to Cardiff. "The last time I was there," he added, "we had to wait 15 minutes because some music had not come. But the audience, instead of tearing their hair or pulling the house down as a Spanish audience might have done, began to sing part-songs. That was something new for me. I have been 29 years on the stage and never

in my life had I heard the public giving the concert themselves—and, perhaps, a much better concert, though they did not realise it."

A notable addition to the films appearing in London now is "The Pagan," a silent film which, however, marks Ramon Novarro's singing debut. Mr. Novarro, who has an excellent voice. The film, which was fully reviewed recently in the *Sunday Express*, is in large part a companion feature to the popular "White Shadows in South Seas."

The same programme features William Haines in "A Man's Man," story of Hollywood life. Charles Rogers, Wallace Berry, Mary Brian, and June Collyer are starred in "The River of Romance," all-talkie with Southern and Mississippi settings in the year 1849. "Animal Friends," produced by A. F. H. Baldry, one of London's most popular cinema managers was reviewed recently. "Chancers" features Billie Dove in her first talking picture, a story of officialdom in the Far East. Noah Berry and Antonio Moreno are starred in the production, which is supported by Betty Balfour's Anglo-Viennese film, "Bright-eyes," a clever farcical comedy of hotel life. "Honky Tonk," "The Four Feathers," and "The Cohens and Kellys at Atlantic City" all continue at their respective theatres.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

SPOILT CHILDREN.



Do you believe in the Spartan or the spoiling method of bringing up children?

As a rule, I find that most mothers believe implicitly in the Spartan method for other people's children, but the spoiling method for their own.

Small boys are usually more spoilt than small girls. There are, however, a great many good reasons for this. In the first place, boy babies are more delicate and difficult to bring up successfully than girl babies. Again, small boys are usually more highly strung and more affectionate than small girls.

Good With Strangers.

A mother who really spoils her child badly is even more irritating and difficult to deal with sensibly than the child who is actually spoilt.

It is remarkable how many children are quite uncontrollable when with their mothers, but are perfectly reasonable and easy to manage when they are with strangers who treat them like normal children.

There are two or three different types of mothers who should be severely spanked for their stupidity with their own children, and then be forced to take lessons in the way they should bring them up.

The first is the mother who has a bad-tempered child and is proud of it. This kind of mother seems to think that it is a sign of a fine, strong child with a fine will of its own, and she allows herself to be kicked, hit, scratched, and bitten while the child is yelling with rage.

It is a curious fact that these mothers admire bad tempers only in their sons; they do not suffer it at all gladly from their daughters.

Emotional Scenes.

The emotional and sentimental mother is another kind who has a bad effect on her children, especially if, as is usually the case, they are nervous and highly strung.

All children need training and discipline; but they need reasonable and cheerful training and discipline. A sentimental mother considers it really cruel to spank her child if he is highly strung, and yet she will punish him by creating emotional scenes with him, and nagging him, until he is reduced to such a pitch of nervous misery that he is affected by it for days.

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S DAUGHTER.

The astonishing suggestion that the late Empress Frederick of Germany, Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, and mother of the ex-Kaiser, was secretly married again after the tragic death of the Emperor Frederick is put forward today on German authority.

It is twenty-eight years since the Empress Frederick died—King Edward and Queen Alexandra attended her funeral at Potsdam—but no one in England has ever before heard the suggestion that she had a second husband. He is said to have been Count Seckendorff, a nobleman with a lineage going back to the twelfth century.

The story is mentioned incidentally in a book of "Recollections of Three Kaisers," written by an old German Court official, who died a few months before the war. His name is suppressed, but the volume is clearly genuine.

"That the Empress was sometimes lonely," he writes, "is not to be wondered at, and therefore her second marriage, if it really took place, to Count Seckendorff was to be understood."

"Profound Secret." "It is not for me to say whether it was a fact; if it was, it was kept a profound secret from the world, and the few who knew it were faithful to the last."

"I once asked a celebrated old general, an intimate friend of the Kaiser Friedrich, whether he believed that this marriage had taken place, and he replied, 'I am convinced of it, and why not? Seckendorff is a very charming gentleman, and their tastes harmonise in everything.'"

Count Seckendorff was, it is said, a man of unblemished character, of great personal charm, a scholar and an artist.

Attention is called in the book to a remarkable passage in an appreciation which Maximilian Harden, the famous German journalist, wrote of the Empress Frederick soon after her death in his periodical, *Die Zukunft*. He ended: "She now rests in the Friedens-Kirche at Potsdam, by the side of her first husband."

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GREAT HOSPITAL'S DECISION.

Birmingham's largest hospital, the General, has banned married women doctors.

In future no married women doctors will be appointed to the staff, and unmarried women doctors working in the hospital will be required to resign as soon as they marry.

By a strange coincidence the hospital governors who have issued this ban are presided over by a woman, Councillor Miss Bartlett, who emphatically denies that the ban is expression of any sex antagonism.

Miss Bartlett explains that the matter arose over the application of a married woman doctor on the staff for four months' special leave of absence "for domestic reasons."

The application in that case was granted, but Miss Bartlett states that the governors felt that the dislocation of hospital services following the occasional temporary retirement of married women doctors for "domestic reasons" was extremely undesirable.

Accordingly, it was decided that unless the circumstances were very exceptional, no married women doctors should be employed.

It is stated that no one ever dissented or protested regarding this paragraph, which implied a second marriage.

"In her will," the author adds, "the Empress left a legacy to Count Seckendorff of more than three times the amount that she left to her children, and the principal part of her valuable art collection was also bequeathed to him."

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RACING NOTES AND NEWS.

FIXTURES FOR 1930: 22 RACE DAYS.

WAITING FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAMME.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

The race fixture card for 1930 to hand shows that no fewer than 22 days have been set aside as race-days during the year. The Annual Race Meeting, as already announced, is fixed for Saturday, February 22, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 23, 24, 25 and 26 and Saturday, March 1. The "Extra" season is as follows:—

Saturday, March 8.
March 22.
April 5.
April 19.
Monday, April 21.
Saturday, May 17.
June 7.
Monday, June 9.
Saturday, September 27.
Friday, October 10.
Saturday, October 11.
October 25.
November 8.
November 29.
December 6.
December 13.

Of these fixtures the meetings on Saturday, April 19, and on the following Monday are grouped as one meeting (Easter). The Whitsun meeting is on June 7 and 9. The double fixture on October 10 and 11 is the "Double Tenth" meeting. The summer interval, it will be noted, extends from June 9 to September 27, exactly three and a half months.

Some Advantages.

The advisability of increasing the number of race days is a debatable matter, but from the average racegoer's standpoint, the Jockey Club's decision has many commendable features about it. The long list of engagements will probably induce owners to keep back in Hong Kong during the "Extra" season some of the better-class performers. It has been disappointing to see, in former years, the withdrawal immediately after the Annual Meeting of all the best "cattle". The longer programme provides ample opportunity for ponies of all classes to pick up something in the way of prize money, but what is more important from a racegoer's point of view, super-class performers can race locally without having colossal weights imposed on them. The virtual monopoly of the Aggregate Stakes by Christmas Chimes and Chesapeake Bay this season was tiresome, to say the least. Whenever these two ponies have appeared together, fields have been small, and the new measure will perhaps obviate a repetition of this sort of thing.

With the Fanling Race Club holding steeplechase meetings in between the dates fixed by the Jockey Club, racegoers in Hong Kong will have a pretty full programme with which even the most voracious "fan" ought to be satisfied.

Annual Meeting.

The decision to extend the Annual Meeting to a five-day affair finds approval on all sides, and the public and owners are now anxiously waiting for news of the nature of the programme to be presented. No doubt the draft programme will be presented only after long consideration of the various events to be included and the days on which each will be held. Those who are in any way connected with racing will realise that it is a difficult matter to introduce a programme which is a departure from an age-old form but which, at the same time, will embody sufficient variations to meet all requirements of the present day.

The first point, which has to be borne in mind is the difficulty of providing races for all classes of animals—the griffins, the old ponies, and the subs. It is under the heading of the old ponies that I think the greatest difficulty is encountered for such crackerjacks as Sitting Bull and Apollo come under this head as much as "D" class animals like Mountain Air and Cavalier, to say nothing of the large number of animals which come in between. How those responsible for the production of the draft programme will meet this difficulty will be interesting to see, and just what kind of races are put down for the first day remains to be conjectured. It seems almost certain that the number of handicap races will be increased, but it is not easy to foresee where the new handicap races will be inserted.

Another point which will be watched with interest is whether the Derby and Champions will still be held on consecutive days. Derby winners, with few exceptions, have almost invariably started in the Champions, and a day's rest between the two races seems just the thing that is wanted. After a gruelling mile and half, a pony cannot be expected to put in his best against the rest of an "all-winners" field, so that the manner in which this question is met will be awaited with keen interest.

Training is now progressing steadily and next week there will appear in these columns full notes on the gallops, which will help readers to follow the training as closely as if they were on the course. In this connection, the Jockey Club has assisted by reserving the judge's box for the timekeepers and the Press, a step for which I, as a racing scribe, am very grateful, as it will now be possible to watch the gallops without being interrupted by a continual fusillade of questions, which happened all too frequently last year.

SIGNALLING AT SEA.

BETWEEN H.M. SHIPS AND
BRITISH MERCHANT
VESSELS.

The reports of signalling exercises between R.N. ships and merchant vessels, rendered by H.M. ships have been examined and the following remarks have been promulgated. The period concerned is the quarter ending June 30.

The returns show a total of 1,899 successful exercises as compared with 1,507 for the previous quarter; there were five failures to establish communication.

Under the heading "Individual Ships" is given the number of successful exercises reported by H.M. ships in order of merit. Ships with less than 30 exercises have not been included.

H.M. Ships and Squadron or Station.	No. of Successful Exercises.
Dahlin (Med. Red Sea).....	98.
Clematis (Med. Red Sea).....	80.
Enterprise (East Indies).....	74.
Dartmouth (Trooping to China).....	72.
Cleopatra (Trooping to China).....	70.
Endeavour (Med. Surveying).....	63.
Emerald (East Indies).....	58.
Durban (America and West Indies).....	49.
Suffolk (China).....	46.
Bluebell (China and passage U.K.).....	46.
Foxglove (China and passage U.K.).....	40.
Cornflower (China).....	39.
Caryfort (Trooping to China).....	37.
6th Destroyer Flot. (China).....	36.
Edinburgh (East Indies).....	34.
Delphinium (Africa).....	32.
Eagle (Mediterranean).....	30.
Moresby (Australia).....	30.

The following table shows the number of exercises carried out by vessels of various companies; companies with less than 20 exercises have not been included.

This table cannot be taken as a statement of comparative signalling efficiency as between various companies, as opportunities for signalling with H.M. ships are so varied.

Company.	Successful Exercises.
R.I. Steam Nav. Co., Ltd.....	137.
British Tanker Co., Ltd.....	133.
Ellerman Lines, Ltd.....	123.
P. & O. S.N. Co., Ltd.....	118.
China Nav. Co., Ltd.....	91.
Ocean S.S. Co., Ltd.....	71.
Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd.....	57.
Union Castle Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.....	45.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

SERVICE TO RESUME ON WEDNESDAY.

Temporary repairs to the railway bridge at Sinchuen have been completed and the bridge at Shek Hin will also be in working order in the course of a day or two. It has been decided by the Canton railway authorities to resume passenger services between Canton and Kowloon on New Year's Day.

Ribby S.S. Co., Ltd.....	40.
Elder, Dempster & Co., Ltd.....	39.
Blue Star Line (1920), Ltd.....	32.
Anchor-Brookbank Line, Ltd.....	31.
Orient Steam Nav. Co., Ltd.....	24.
Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd.....	24.
White Star Line.....	23.
R.M.S.P. Co., Ltd.....	20.

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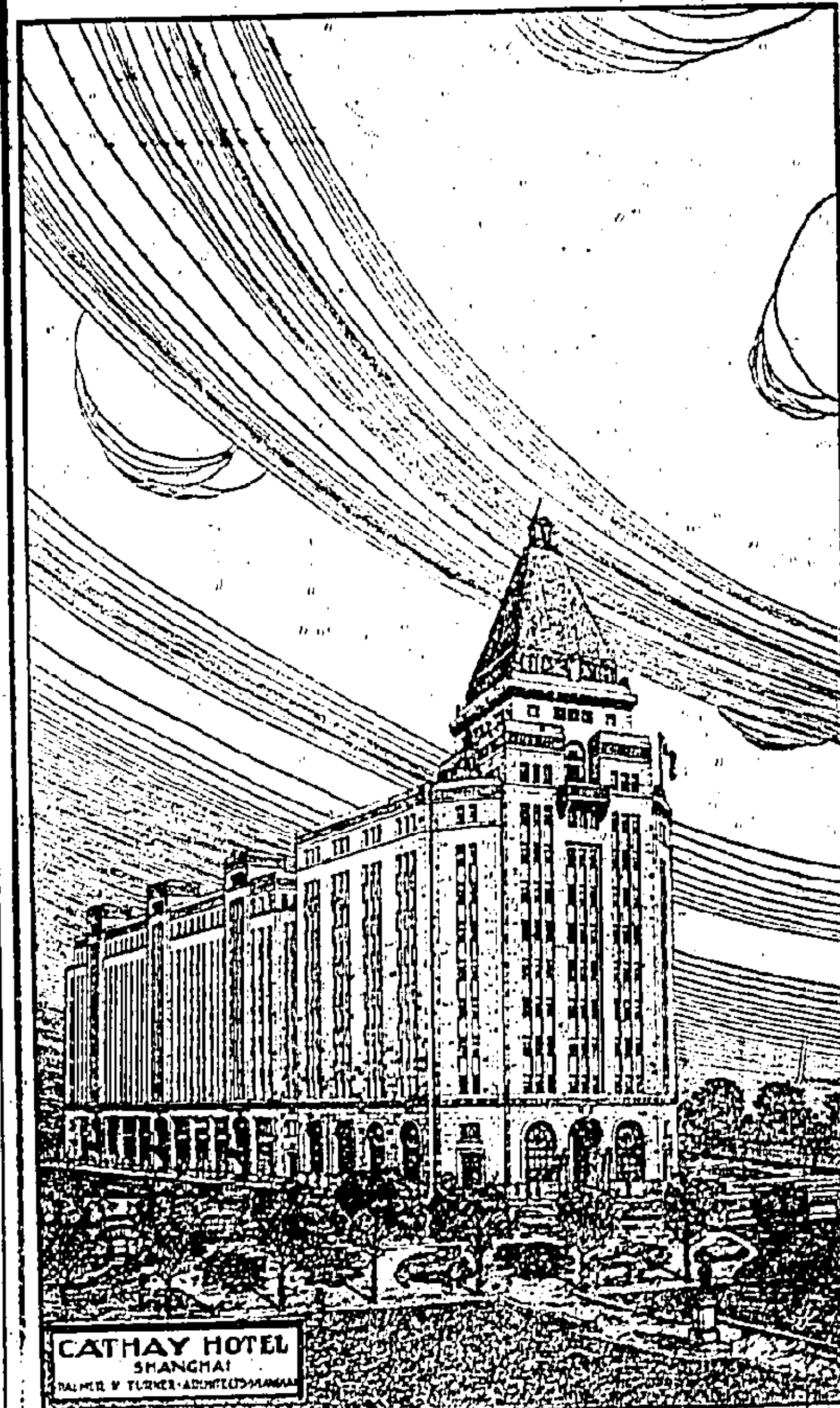
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A FIRE IN CANTON.

COMMERCIAL PRESS' HEAVY LOSS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 29.—A disastrous fire broke out in the godowns of the Canton branch of the Commercial Press yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock, raging for nearly three hours before it could be got control. Five godowns, all stocked with valuable books, stationery and athletic goods were destroyed. The loss is estimated at over \$300,000.

It is said that most of the stock was consumed in the flame. No lives were lost, but the firemen had a very hard time in checking the flames. Their task was rendered all the more difficult, as these godowns were located on very narrow alleys away from the maloes. The fire engines, which came almost immediately after the emergency alarm was given, had to stop on Wing Hon Road.

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY.

A PLEASING CEREMONY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 29.—The Lingnan Alumni Association in Canton and part of the American staff of the University gave an elaborate banquet last (Saturday) night, in the Oriental Hotel, to Dr. Chung Wing Kwong, President of Lingnan University, in commemoration of his thirty years' service to the University. Some 200 persons were present, including a score or more foreigners.

Dr. Si Chung Ngok, Professor of political science at the Sun Yat Sen University and a Lingnan graduate, paid a tribute to President Chung. During the last days of the Manchu Dynasty some twenty years ago, Dr. Chung, he said, had already distinguished himself in literary pursuits, having successfully passed a series of Chinese Government Examinations. He obtained the degree of Chu Jen in 1894. Since then he has been a leading figure in the world of education in South China.

During the years 1911-13 he was Commissioner of Education for Kwangtung and was largely responsible for the introduction of the modern ideas and methods now employed in public education. He was not only a noted educator, but also a social reformer. Dr. Si went on to say that St. John's College in Shanghai recently conferred the degree of LL.D. on him, showing the public recognition and appreciation of his thirty years of educational work and achievements.

Dr. Chung, in the course of his reply, said that the development of Lingnan was largely due to the persistent efforts and foresight of certain Americans, including the Rev. B. C. Henry and the Rev. A. P. Happer. He took occasion to thank the Americans heartily, for their continued financial aid and their educational assistance, which had been a great factor in making the institution what it was.

In conclusion, President Chung reiterated the primary purpose of the University, saying that it was a Chinese controlled private institution run under Christian influence. It was also a universal centre of higher education, a place where the most talented minds of the world gather together and work for the enlightenment of humanity. Education knows no nationality or race, and every intellectual, no matter where he is from, is welcome in Lingnan.

TO FIGHT FOR KWEILIN.

KWANGSI-IRONSIDE TROOPS IN RETREAT.

According to the vernacular Press, the Canton-Nanking forces following their re-capture of Wai-chap attacked Holsien which was held by two regiments of Kwangsi troops and one regiment of "Iron-sides."

Holsien fell on the 26th and the Kwangsi troops withdrew to Papu which was also taken by the Canton troops the following day. The latter are pushing towards Pinglok. Two Canton Divisions under Chiang Kwong Nai and Heung Hon Ping from Wuchow are attacking Chaoping and will advance to Pinglok to make a joint attack upon the Kwangsi forces there.

A report from Wuchow states that the Kwangsi insurgents at Sunchow and vicinity are ready to retreat to Liuchow and Kweilin to make a final stand there. The Canton troops are expected to arrive at Kweilin where further fighting is expected.

OPIUM LAW.

IMPORT BY AIRCRAFT.

WIDER SCOPE OF AMENDED ORDINANCE.

An ordinance to amend further the Opium Ordinance 1923, will be shortly introduced in the Legislative Council. This bill is intended to fill up certain minor lacunae which have been noticed in the statutory provisions relating to the control of opium.

Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance introduce new definitions of the terms exportation and importation and importation which are based on those in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1923. The new points are the following:—Aircraft are specifically referred to, conveyance by mail is expressly mentioned, the word "despatch" is introduced in order to meet the possible though unlikely case of contraband being thrown across the land frontier.

It has been suggested that although dealing in raw opium is illegal generally yet the prohibitions of section 4 of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, would not apply if it could be shown that there was no intention that the opium in question should ever be imported into the Colony. Section 4 of this Ordinance introduces words which are intended to meet that possible defence.

Possession of Labels and Wrappers.

Section 17 of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, makes illegal the possession of any Government label or wrapper which has been or has become detached from the opium receptacle to which it was attached when issued by the Superintendent. In a prosecution under this section it would usually be impossible to prove that the detached label or wrapper had ever been attached to a receptacle issued by the Superintendent, except by relying on a general statement that in practice no label or wrapper is issued except attached to a receptacle.

Section 5 of this Ordinance repeals section 17 of the principal Ordinance and substitutes a new section. Sub-section (1) of the new section meets the point above referred to by making illegal the possession of any label or wrapper of a kind used by the Superintendent unless such label or wrapper is attached to some receptacle which was issued by the Superintendent.

Improper Use of Labels.

Sub-section (2) of the new section 17 deals with another point. It would be possible to remove the label from a Government opium receptacle without damaging the label and to use it again on another receptacle containing non-Government opium. It is true that the possession of this non-Government opium would be an offence in itself, but the improper use of a Government label is a distinct aggravation of that offence, and should be punishable in itself.

Accordingly, the sub-section in question makes illegal the possession of any label of wrapper of a kind used by the Superintendent unless such label or wrapper is either attached to a receptacle issued by the Superintendent and containing the full quantity of Government opium as issued, or else has been broken in such a way as to make it impracticable to use the label or wrapper again.

Presumption of Possession.

Section 36 of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, provides that every person who is proved to have had in his possession any thing containing opium, or the documents of title to any thing containing opium shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been in possession of the opium. Section 6 of this Ordinance repeals that section and substitutes a new one which contains the following additional points which have been suggested by the corresponding section in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance:

The presumption is made to arise also upon proof of the possession of the keys of any box or drawer containing opium.

The term documents of title is made to include a baggage receipt.

The presumption of knowledge is made to extend to knowledge of the kind of opium contained in the box or other receptacle. This is inserted because it is necessary in the charge to refer to some particular kind of opium, e.g., prepared opium or raw opium.

It is expressly provided in sub-section (3) that the presumptions of the section will not be rebutted by mere proof that the accused never had physical possession of the opium in question.

Certificates of Character and Quantity.

Section 37 of the principal Ordinance provides that a certificate, signed by the Superintendent, as to the character or quantity of any opium, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein. This was intended to obviate the necessity of calling the analyst on every occasion. The section is, however, defective, because it makes no provision for connecting any particular certificate with any particular lot of opium.

Section 7 of this Ordinance repeals the above section and substitutes a new section which, with the new form of certificate added to the principal Ordinance by section 8 of this Ordinance, will enable the certificate to be connected with the opium to which it relates, by means of the officer who receives the opium from the analyst and produces it in court.

STEAMER'S HOLD ON FIRE.

S.S. SZECHUEN BURNS IN DRYDOCK.

FOUR HOURS' BLAZE.

The s.s. Szechuen, which is in drydock at Taikoo Dockyard where it is undergoing its annual overhaul, was the scene of a fire which lasted several hours yesterday afternoon.

Exactly how the outbreak commenced is at the moment, not known, but the first sign of anything untoward was noticed shortly after two p.m. when smoke was seen to issue from the forehold.

Attempts to put out the blaze without summoning the fire brigade proved fruitless and just before 4 p.m. the fire brigade was notified and several appliances were rushed to the Dockyard. Owing to the position of the drydock, however, it was not possible to pump sufficient water into the steamer's forehold from hoses connected to the hydrants in the dock premises. The arrival of the firefloat shortly before 5 p.m. enabled sufficient water to be pumped from the sea on to the steamer and inside of half an hour the conflagration was subdued.

The steamer's forehold, at the time of the fire was empty, and a visit to the ship after the fire showed that all the wooden structure within the forehold had been burnt out.

The steamer was to have left drydock to-day, but her departure will no doubt be delayed in view of the reconstruction that is now required. She arrived from Canton on Friday, when she went into drydock.

The Szechuen is a B. & S. steamer of 1,591 tons and Captain J. R. Shearer is the master.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

UNEMPLOYED MAN ROBBED?

An unemployed Chinese reported to the Police that on December 29, at about 2.45 a.m. he was going to Shum Shui Po from Yaumati in a rickshaw when he was attacked by six armed men who carried revolvers and daggers. They chased the rickshaw coolie away and robbed him of money and jewellery to the value of \$80.

A later report by the same man admitted that he was drunk at the time and had just come from a dinner at a restaurant. He was stopped by an old friend whom he owed \$100. The man demanded the money back with threats and took his purse as part payment.

CHINESE WEDDING.

DR. AU KING, M.B., B.S., TO MISS WONG.

The wedding was celebrated on Saturday, at the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road, of Miss Wong Man Ying, of 38, Bonham Road, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kwok Shuen, to Dr. Au King, M.B., B.S., of 41, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City.

The Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling officiated. The bride who was given away by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Wong Man Hing, as bridesmaid, looked very charming in her bridal dress of the traditional white satin. She carried a bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaid wore violet satin trimmed with silver lace and carried a bouquet of pink roses, while Mrs. Wong, the bride's mother, was wearing the lovely Chinese wedding costume.

Dr. Lai Kwong Yuk, M.B., B.S., was "best man." After the ceremony a big reception was held in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, where the customary toasts were given, and good wishes offered to the newly-married couple.

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NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

TO BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT SHEUNG SHUI.

THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED.

The New Territories Agricultural Show is to be held on January 4 and 5, at Shek Wu Hui, Sheung Shui. The very satisfactory interest taken in the Show last year, gives hope that it may prove even more successful on this occasion, both in interesting local people in what is being done to develop agriculture in the New Territories and in persuading Chinese farmers to adopt new methods.

TO ENCOURAGE CHINESE FARMERS.

The idea of an Agricultural Exhibition was first suggested by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi and the Rev. H. R. Wells in 1926, and among the earliest supporters were Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg and Mr. Fung Ki Cheuk. The first show was held in December 1927, when in his opening speech His Excellency made reference to the great assistance given by Lady Ho Tung in whose grounds the show was being held, and who had for many years interested herself in agriculture in the New Territories.

In order to help and encourage Chinese farmers in the district prizes are being offered and owing to the deficient water supply the Committee have been considering the feasibility of introducing an economical pumping engine for irrigation. By courtesy of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club a demonstration of this machine will be given near the Show ground. The Imperial Chemical Industries have generously offered to distribute Sulphate of Ammonia free to the farmers of the district and have undertaken to analyse the soil, besides making handsome donations to the prize fund.

PROGRAMME.

Saturday, January 4.

11 a.m.—Gates open.
11.15 a.m.—Judging of Exhibits.
12 Noon to 1 p.m.—Theatrical Performance by Chung Sing Benevolent Association.
2.30 p.m.—Formal opening by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. B. Vernon, M.C., and officers, the band of the 3/15th Punjab will render musical selections.

Sunday, January 5.

11 a.m.—Gates open.
11 a.m. to 12 noon.—Chin Wo Athletic Association.
12 Noon to 1 p.m.—Theatrical performance by Miss Lo Pui Lan and other musical selections.

2.30 p.m.—Distribution of prizes by Mrs. J. A. Fraser.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Chinese Boxing Display.

Special Arrangements.

Special railway facilities, thanks to the courtesy and generosity of the Kowloon Railway Administration, are being provided this year for transportation of exhibits and exhibitors as well as visitors to the Show. The Chung Mei Garage Company, Limited, are operating an augmented Bus Service between Mongkok and Un Long via Tsun Wan, Castle Peak and Ping Shan, while the Nam Hing Motor Bus Co. will maintain an additional bus service between Un Long and Sheungshui. Ample parking space will be provided for cars.

In the opinion of the Committee, an annual occasion like this Agricultural Exhibition should be pleasurable as well as instructive and with this idea they are staging features generously contributed by the Chin Wo Athletic Association, Chung Sing Benevolent Association, Miss Lo Pui Lan and other Chinese musicians.

For the convenience of Chinese and Europeans, the Committee have made provision for Chinese and Western Restaurants, enabling visitors to obtain all necessary refreshments near the Exhibition Ground. Attention is invited to the efficient catering of the Queen's Cafeteria, who have kindly promised to contribute a considerable percentage of the proceeds towards the Show. Drinks can be obtained with meals. There will be various stalls included in the exhibition. The Kowloon-Canton Railway are exhibiting a model of a complete train. The Commercial Press, the B.A.T., the Imperial Chemical Industries, the Electric Light Company and others are also having stalls.

Police Arrangements.

For the protection of visitors and their comfort, generally excellent arrangements have been made, for policing the Show ground. Besides the regular police force there will be a special company of Chinese Police Reservists, and Mr. Morris of King's College is sending one divisional master and 8 men of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Ying Wah troops of Boy Scouts will also be in attendance.

The exhibition matches are only two or three minutes walk from Sheung Shui Railway Station. Visitors should turn to the right on leaving the station.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MUDDLING IN THE MONEY MARKET.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Very nearly three months ago it was decided by those in financial authority over the Colony to alter our currency system, the reason given being that the continued premium on the local dollar and the correspondingly high tael rate were proving fatal to our trade.

The alteration was made, and the immediate result was considerable dislocation all round, as part of which were the wholesale suspension of import business, the great inconvenience in the matter of handling the silver coin, and incidentally an overnight depreciation in both the earnings and savings of the community as a whole. As against this, a fortunate few were enabled to net fortunes, and at the same time to explain to the unfortunate many that the change was to the benefit of the Colony, and that naturally a little temporary loss and inconvenience must be suffered before the benefit was felt. Since then, the chaos into which we were plunged has grown worse and worse; neither have matters been improved by the spasmodic tinkering to which the exchange market has been subject, according to the fresh whims of interested parties.

And the result? At the close of business on Saturday last the local dollar was again standing at a considerable premium, and the tael was deniable around 79, i.e., steadily rising once more. In other words, after months of loss and inconvenience nothing whatever seems to have been accomplished, save further damage to our position as a trading community and financial centre.

If, then, our bankers as a whole are unable to deal with the situation, then it surely behoves us to wait no longer but to import some recognised expert from abroad who can put matters right for us. One can well imagine the mingled horror and contempt with which this suggestion would be received by our home "experts," but it is a procedure that has been adopted with signal success elsewhere, and it is high time that general welfare took precedence of personal feelings and particular interests—Yours, etc.

THE TURNED WORM.
Hong Kong, December 29.

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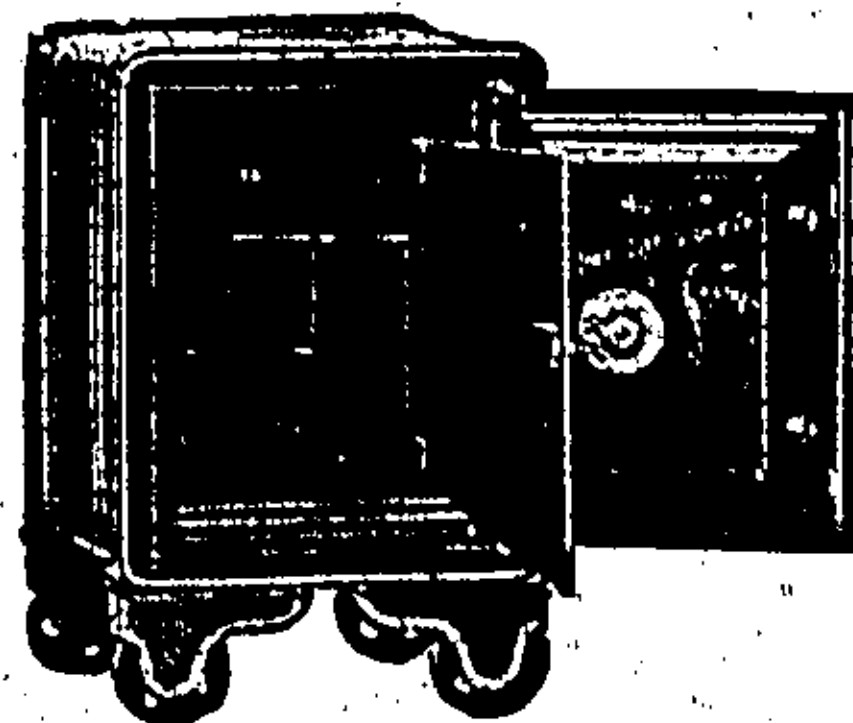
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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 7.05 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone remains central over No. China. Fresh to strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, drizzle or mist, colder.

MARRIAGE.

HALL-NIKITANA.—On December 24, at Shanghai, ROSEMARY, eldest daughter of JOSEPH HARRINGTON, of Stoke-on-Trent, to LUDMILA NICOLAEVNA, daughter of the late Colonel NICOLAI NIKITINA, of Tomsk.

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THE STATUS OF INDIA.

As the day draws near on which the Indian Nationalist parties are expected to embark on a new and extensive campaign of non-violent non-co-operation, there is considerable speculation both in England and India as to what steps, if any, the Labour Government will take to deal with an admittedly grave situation. In many quarters it has been believed that the Cabinet will display a similar stroke of statesmanship to that which characterised its handling of the Egyptian situation, and that by an early announcement of its intentions towards India will win over the opposition of the extreme Nationalists.

Unfortunately there seems little ground for such optimism. The report that a round-table conference with Indian leaders was to be convened by Mr. Wedgwood Benn as harbingers to the report of the SIMON Commission gave rise to hopes of friendly discussion, but the Executive Committee of the Indian National Congress has declared its unwillingness to take part in such a conference. As a matter of fact it is unlikely that the SIMON Commission have definitely formulated their new Constitution for India, and it is still more unlikely that the Labour Government would depart from the traditional British policy of waiting for a report of a Royal Commission before making any declaration of policy. As the SIMON Commission report will not be published before the early Spring, such rumours that "the Cabinet is determined to grant India Dominion status within a period to be defined by statute" can at this stage be discounted.

If recent talk in London means no more than that the Labour Government favours Dominion status as the ultimate form of government for India, then Labour does not differ from any other of the British political parties, and goes no further than the pledge given to India on more than one occasion by Lord BIRKENHEAD while he was at the head of the India Office. This "dangling" of Dominion status before India has ceased to excite the enthusiasm of the Nationalist Press, which refuses to believe that the Labour Government's policy can or will differ from its predecessors. Their belief is based on the ground that the Conservatives and Liberals combined still hold a majority in the Commons, and it is recalled that Mr. BALDWIN, on the eve of the Labour Party's assumption of office, made no secret of the fact that if Labour did anything to menace the fundamentals of British Imperialism, the two parties in the House would at once put the brake on the zeal of the Labour Government.

According to *Liberty*, the chief organ of the Swaraj Party, "it is unthinkable that any Parliamentary announcement by the Labour Premier or the Secretary of State for India, if it is made at all, would differ materially from the pronouncement of August, 1917. England is already pledged to grant Dominion status to India by the pronouncements made by Parliament as well as through the King. India will have, therefore, no reasons to rejoice if the Labour Government reiterates pronouncements which take a geological epoch for their fulfilment. The time has long gone by when such pronouncements, from whatever quarter they may come, would satisfy India." The proposal for a round-table conference would have satisfied all parties a year or so back, but Nationalists now believe that no useful purpose would be served by discussing the future Constitution of India on the basis of the report of the SIMON Commission, which was boycotted by most of the political parties in India, and whose findings, they assert, are bound to be vitiated by the nature of the reference that was made to them.

The intention of Mr. Wedgwood Benn to go to India and "see things for himself" was viewed with considerable misgivings in European circles in India. It is believed that Mr. Benn's presence in India at the present stage could serve no useful purpose, and would complicate the already difficult task facing the Government of India. In the absence of any declaration of policy his visit would without doubt be the occasion for more boycotts. The temper of the country has certainly not improved since the visit of the SIMON Commission, and a further series of demonstrations would only tend to widen the gulf, which will be a difficult one to bridge. There is strong support for the view that Lord LAURIE, after his consultations with the Cabinet in London, will be the best man to deal with any situation that may arise. The Viceroy, by his tact, sympathy, and fairness, will have on his side the whole of moderate Indian opinion and although the prospects are far from bright, Lord LAURIE may yet find a way to lead India along the path of peaceful evolution.

The generous but anonymous London Welshman who has offered a £40,000 site in Bloomsbury for a £400,000 Welsh headquarters, is adding to his handsome offer. There is already in existence a fund of some £6,000 made up of a previous gift of £5,000 and accrued interest, and the benefactor referred to is willing to increase the sum to £10,000 with which to start a building and endowment fund of £150,000. Mr. Lloyd George is understood to be taking an interest in the matter.

A cheerful electric fire greeted the passengers who boarded the new luxury tram-car which was put into service in London between Golders Green and Finchley last month. "Pay as you enter" is the slogan of the conductors in the new vehicle. The system of fare-collection provides that all passengers shall pay their fares on boarding. The conductor, with a novel ticket-issuing machine, sits on a platform, where he can more satisfactorily control the movements of the tram-car and signal to the driver.

Mr. Lillian Stanway, who has been separated four times from her husband in twenty-seven years, recently summoned him for perjury at Southend Police Court. She said that he made her go out in a winter coat over her summer frock, although it had a high neck and long sleeves. August afternoon. Stanway denied being cruel to his wife, and said that he commented on the neck of her frock being out so low that it showed a piece of pink ribbon on her underclothing. He was disgusted with women who wore such things. The magistrates told him he was adopting a ridiculous attitude with regard to his wife's dress, and adjourned the case.

The master of the Bengal Maru, Capt. G. Kusano, arriving here yesterday from Singapore, states that he experienced heavy N.E. monsoon and rain squalls. Capt. H. Eyal, of the m.s. Eymal, also from Singapore, makes a similar report, adding that the wind force was logged at 8-9.

Our Chinese translator gives us the following story from a Canton paper:—An old lady of wealthy family, living in Po Wah Fong Street, died cheerfully on Friday last. After her meal at noon, she was resting on a sofa when suddenly she burst out laughing. Her cheerful appearance gradually subsided and closing her eyes, she drew her last breath in the presence of her family.

Among the passengers who arrived on the Empress of Canada are Lady Shou-sun Chow, who has returned from a visit to Shanghai and Japan. Other prominent passengers were the Misses L. and M. Gail, daughters of Sir Alexander Gail, who are on a visit to the Colony. Mr. J. Scott Harston who has been to Shanghai, and Mr. L. Yates, of the Furness Line, who has returned from a business trip to London. Mr. J. Gubbay, of Shanghai, is here on a business trip, and Mr. J. P. Heard has come down for the race meeting.

Officials of the Musicians' Union and of the London Orchestra Association Institute said last month that there were indications of a return to orchestras among cinema theatres that have dismissed them since the advent of talking films and "tinned" music. An official of the union said: "Several big new places which have opened in London have started with orchestras, although they are showing talking film. Where orchestras have been dismissed, increased business has followed."

The "Friends of Fascism" is the latest addition to the Fascist organisations, but it is only for foreigners who are admirers of the regime. They must register wherever they are—in London, Paris, or any other town—with the secretary of the local Fascists, and produce two photographs and proofs of good character. Their applications are then presented to the Italian Consul, and if approved they are provided with a Fascist badge, which they may wear in Italy. Foreigners residing in Italy may also join. "There is no subscription," runs the statute, "and those inscribed have no disciplinary or administrative obligations." The new "Friends of Fascism" seem hardly to conform to the Duce's famous dictum, "Fascism is not an article for export."

Moses and the Golden Calf. In a debate in the House of Commons last month, except for Sir John Simon's eloquent language, never reached a high level, and certainly threw no new light on the Indian situation, there was one dramatic incident which had obviously not been foreseen at the dress rehearsal. This was when Mr. Wedgwood Benn leapt to his feet and, stung by Mr. Lloyd George's taunt of "this Pocket Moses," hissed out:—"At any rate, I never worshipped the Golden Calf." It was a cruel retort. It was the peak point of the personal abuse which should never have been introduced into a debate of this nature—least of all by a member of the Cabinet. But it was magnificent repartee, and will go down to history as such. Mr. Lloyd George is used to hard blows, and in spite of his sixty-six years and his snow-white locks, he will probably exact a terrible revenge which will send his former colleague up in smoke. On this occasion, however, he has got for what the Americans call "playing hell with history," and uttering David before Moses!

Bennett Scott, the composer of "Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty," and many other popular songs, has joined British Filmcraft as composer and musical adviser.

The Prince of Wales, at Bradford last month, said:—"It is not for me to express an opinion whether women's dresses should be long or short, but trade for Bradford would be made better if there were longer dresses. Therefore, for the sake of Bradford's trade, I hope they will remain long."

The will of Mr. Walter Scott, a Rochdale (Lancs.) newspaper proprietor who left £105,878, was written on a sheet of notepaper and consisted of one sentence. It reads: "I leave all I have between my two sons equally, in the hope and confidence, but, at the same time, creating no trust, that they will carry out what they know to be my wishes."

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Two children of a well-known manufacturer of St. Etienne, near Paris, have been stricken with leprosy. The children are now isolated. It is believed that the disease was contracted by contact with an Oriental rug which the parents of the children bought from a travelling Arab vendor.

The Northampton Libraries committee has banned Remarque's book, "All Quiet on the Western Front." Alderman C. Alder Earl, the chairman, said, "We do not think it a suitable book for the public library." and Alderman E. W. Sykes added, "There are objectionable passages, crude in the extreme, and nasty without necessity."

It was a hopeless dawn when the train drew into the station at Utrecht (writes a correspondent to an English paper). But the gloom was illuminated by the round, rosy face of a Dutch boy who looked through the window and sensed the English. He held up his tray and opened thus: "Ripe bannanass—newspaper-r-r-r—Edgar-r-r—Wallace!"

When the Cunard liner Antonia arrived at Liverpool last month, it was reported that during the outward voyage to Canada a baby was born to Mrs. A. Lyle, of Leith, who, with her husband and son, was proceeding to settle in Montreal. The event was commemorated by the boy receiving the names of the Antonia's captain, George Washington Melsom, a collection of £15 was made as a birthday gift from the passengers, and the purse was presented together with a silver spoon. As is customary in the case of children born on board British ships at sea, Master George Washington Melsom Lyle will be registered in the parish of Stepney, London.

A Swipe at "Swap."

The tradition of "judicial ignorance" is a well-established one, but it is rather startling to read that the chairman of the Middlesex Sessions was baffled by the remark "He swapped the motor-cycle for another." "Swapped" he is reported to have said. "I never heard that word before." It can only be concluded that Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., must now move in singularly "retained circles," thought it must still remain a mystery how he got through his school-days without ever meeting the monosyllabic "swap." It is not classical English, but it is a very well-established colloquialism, and has been so for two or three centuries. And a generation which accepts words like "stunt" and "wangle" without wincing ought to be at least acquainted with "swap." Perhaps Sir Montagu Sharpe is a stern purist who would prefer to "sack the lot"—or, still more probably, discard the entire collection.

Bishop's Tribute to Youth.

The Bishop of London, speaking at the annual meeting of the London Diocesan Council for Youth at Central Hall, Westminster, recently said that there was no finer body of people than the youth of the country. "You hear and all sorts of things said and written against our youth," he said, "but I venture to say with intimate knowledge of the boys and girls of to-day that they are the most splendid material in the world." Referring to what he called a misconception which had been put on his book "Why I am a Christian," Dr. Ingram said that it had been stated that he had left out the awful mysteries of unexplained suffering and pain in the world. "No one who has seen as much of pain and suffering as I have could possibly leave that out," he said. "You will find rather that the kernel of that book is that we are children in the dark with only a little candle in our hands and all the surrounding darkness full of mystery."

The Kissing Complex.

Those people who find something very agreeable in the thought of the retention in our society of the "good old customs," and are even more pleased, presumably when old customs somewhat neglected begin to be observed once more, ought to have noticed with pleasure the resumption among Englishwomen of that frank habit of kissing the stranger which Erasmus found not unpleasant in his days. In the columns of a London morning paper we had "Women Try to Kiss V.C.s" and "Frenzied Attempts to Hug" a boy violinist by women. Recently there were the osculatory friends of the young women of Reading, resumed, it appears, with no less fervour when the object of those salutes reached Bristol. In fact, it seems to be growing very difficult for the man who achieves either fame or notoriety to avoid being kissed by perfect strangers of the other sex, and the younger members of the next Australian team to visit England should be warned (if that is the right word) of the probability that they may be waylaid at Lord's on the way from the wicket to the pavilion and hugged by young feminine England in the presence of thousands. But one rather gathers that thing was less violently achieved in Erasmus's day.

Archbishop on Morals.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the York Diocesan Preventive and Rescue Association last month, the Archbishop of York emphasised the danger of a double standard of morals. "I am convinced," he said, "that one of the main sources of trouble has been the nation's acceptance that something may be regarded as excusable in women. The question whether or not it is harder for men to go straight than women has nothing whatever to do with it. The question is whether it is right, and so long as we tolerate the opinion that there is no great shame in man's misconduct it is inevitable there should be women partaking in this conduct, in which it is supposed to be shameful. It is our duty as Church-people in conversation to take care we keep the right side uppermost." It was not enough to convince them that sin was wrong, but to find out why that kind of sin they got into happened.

Oxford University Air Squadron.

If any doubt has remained in any quarter about the thoroughness of the conversion of Oxford University to the cause of flying it must have been dispelled when the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Proctor attended the opening of a new lecture hall for the University Air Squadron. Naturally several heads of colleges and many professors followed their leaders, while the Mayor and Corporation, complete with robes and mace, added the blessings of non-academic Oxford. Cambridge was represented officially by General Smuts, who was at Oxford in order to deliver a course of Rhodes Memorial lectures. The new hall was declared open by Lord Thomson, Air Minister, who cordially thanked the University authorities for the help which they had given to the air squadron. They had shown vision, he said, and it was a striking thing that a very venerable university should be assisting something which was very new.

Naval Officer's Pay.

A Naval officer's wife recently wrote the following letter to the *London Times*:—"Will you be kind enough to air the views of the wife of an officer in the Silent Service? Few civilians realize what financial hardship has to be endured by many naval couples. The officers and men of the Army and Royal Air Force and the men of the Navy get marriage allowance, but not the naval officers. What is the reason for singling out one class for this unpreferential treatment? At the age of 28, after 13 years of actual service at sea, my husband draws £34 a month. Of this £13 goes out straight away on mess-bill in his ship and in upkeep of uniforms and plain clothes. The remainder we divide approximately as follows:—

Housekeeping money.....£7.10.0
Rent (rooms, as we cannot afford a flat)..... 7.10.0
Pocket money for both..... 2.10.0
My dress allowance..... 3.10.0

Needless to say, my husband is territorial except for necessary entertainment of visitors to his ship and guests of the mess. The above leaves no margin for sickness or other, extra expenses. As can be imagined, life is hard at times. I see my husband two nights out of three at present, but at any moment he may be sent abroad for two years. In that event I cannot hope to go out to him, as naval wives are not allowed any assistance towards passage costs. All this makes us wonder sometimes if officers in the Navy are supposed to remain single. Certainly nothing was said about that when my husband's parents entered him in the Navy."

Looking Back 25 Years.

His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., entertained several guests at Government House on Wednesday evening. The band of the German ship *Furst Bismarck* was in attendance. This is the first concert of this description given at Hong Kong. Those who took part in the programme were as follows:—Mr. G. P. Lammert (song), Mrs. Kruger (song), Miss Henriette Murkens (violin solo), Messrs. Kruger, Lammert, Wacker and König (vocal quartette), Miss Merrylees (piano-forte solo), Mrs. Fullerton (song), Miss Brown (violin solo), Mrs. Marty (song), Mr. F. Austin (song), Miss Shelton Hooper and Mr. A. G. Ward (piano). It is hoped that H.E. the Governor will hold many more such concerts.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 30, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

A parade and inspection of the Volunteer and Government Fire Brigades took place yesterday afternoon. After the roll-call the engines were ordered to the Praya, westward of the Canton wharf, where some ladder practice was gone through. The engines worked well, throwing streams above the houses. The attendance of the Volunteers was very meagre, only one being present, but otherwise the parade was all that could be desired.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 30, 1879.

C.E.R. DISPUTE OVER.

RESTORING PEACE-TIME CONDITIONS.

A REPORT FROM TOKYO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Dec. 29. The restoration of peace-time conditions in Manchuria is proceeding steadily with the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Chinese territory, and the arrival of M. Rudy, manager of the C.E.R., and other Soviet officials, at Mukden, to meet Chang Hsueh-liang.

The Japanese Consul at Manchuria, telegraphing to Moscow, reports that Russians began the evacuation of Manchuria on December 23.

M. Simanovsky, who is named as Consul-General at Harbin, stated that 2,000 Soviet nationals are still imprisoned in Harbin, and would be released and restored to their positions on the C.E.R. in two or three days.

Through traffic on all parts of the C.E.R. is expected to be resumed in a few days.

NATIVES IN RIOT.

INTER-TRIBAL FIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Belawayo, Dec. 29. One native was killed, two seriously injured and many slightly hurt in inter-tribal fighting between the Matabels and Mashonas. There was no disposition to interfere with the whites.

The police promptly got control of the situation, thus averting most serious consequences.

A company of the second battalion of the Defence Force has been mobilised and will march fully armed through the locations.

The police anticipate that small outbreaks of fighting are likely to occur in the next week or two.

PALESTINE AFFAIRS.

THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 29. The Palestine Commission of Inquiry, which ends its sitting today, has issued the following statement to the people of Palestine: "We feel we take home not merely the record of the recent tragic events which have so marred the history of this country, but material which will be most helpful in our analysis of the causes of those events and suggestions of the highest value from individuals and persons representative of organisations, regarding the steps which should be taken to avoid a recurrence of such outbreaks."

"The mission we have received from His Majesty's Government is twofold. We have completed the first part, namely, a local inquiry. In the more difficult task which lies before us, that of determining the causes of the outbreak and of framing recommendations for the future, we shall be encouraged by the thought that all in this country who were concerned in our inquiry readily co-operated with us. "We shall apply ourselves to that task with full confidence that they will be equally ready to co-operate with us in the conduct of the future policy of this country on such lines as His Majesty's Government, after consideration of our recommendations, may decide to adopt."

SEDITIONOUS PAMPHLETS.

BUS COMPANY'S DRIVER DISCHARGED.

A driver employed by the China Motor Bus Company was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate on Saturday for possession of seditious papers. Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan told the Magistrate that at about 8.30 p.m. on December 11, two Chinese detectives who were on duty in Temple Street saw the service car of the China Motor Bus Company near them. The defendant got out and in doing so some papers dropped. The defendant and his assistant then hurriedly left the car and went away. The pamphlets were picked up and examined and when the defendant returned he was arrested.

The detective in evidence said that the engine of the car was running at the time the men returned.

The defending solicitor pointed out that the car was not fitted with a self-starter and had to be cranked to be started. The defendant had been with the company for six years and was a loyal servant. He submitted that his client merely went to Temple Street for his food and rushed back.

The Magistrate said that the evidence was not strong enough to register a conviction. The spot moreover, was not very well lighted, and anyone else could have dropped the papers in the crowd.

The defendant was discharged.

"THIS FREEDOM" IN INDIA.

NATIONAL CONGRESS' VIEW.

AND OTHERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Working Committee of the Indian National Congress has adopted Gandhi's resolution, defining Swaraj as complete independence, without modification. Amendments extending the proposed boycott to the Law Courts and Schools have been tabled for a Committee meeting.

The Subjects Committee (which prepares the resolutions for submission to the Plenary Meeting of the Congress, to be held on Sunday) to-day, by 117 votes to 69, adopted the Working Committee's resolution, condemning the Delhi bomb outrage and congratulating Lord Irwin on his escape.

The opposition declared that the resolution was inconsistent with the demand for complete independence.

Gandhi, defending the resolution, declared that the reaffirmation of the creed of non-violence was desirable when declaring that independence was their goal.

Moving the resolution for the boycott of the Legislative Councils and local bodies, and declaring independence to be the Nationalist goal, Gandhi expressed the opinion that the country was not ready for civil disobedience, but must do considerable work for the uplift of the "Untouchables," the propagation of Khaddar (home-spun), and the promotion of Hindu-Muslim unity. The discussion was adjourned until to-morrow.

The London View.

LONDON, Dec. 29. The adoption of Gandhi's resolution by the Indian National Congress was splashed in this morning's papers under sombre headlines.

The *Daily News* points out that the Congress is not now fighting the British Raj, but the facts of history, geography, and race—things for which no human being is responsible—which may be unfortunate, but which cannot be ignored or changed by a resolution as by a magic spell.

The *Daily Mirror* says, "The news from India implies our mastery is over. For the sake of ourselves, and perhaps more for the sake of millions of natives, we hope it is untrue." The *Morning Post* says that Gandhi's resolution is open and insolent treason, and a branch of the Indian penal code, and if the Indian Government has any sense of pride and prestige at all, will put the ringleaders on trial.

The eve of 1930 in India is wonderfully like the atmosphere of 1917 in Ireland, says Mr. J. L. Garvin, in an article in the *Observer*. He declares that Sinn Fein has increasingly become the model of the Hindu extremists.

The playing of the Wearing of The Green at Lahore was no freak. It was deliberately adopted as an anthem of the Congress, and implies an attempt to imitate the Irish model right through, and further if possible."

News From Lahore.

LAHORE, Dec. 29. A complete severance of British connection, and the establishment of a parallel government, was one of the proposals at a lively meeting of the Congress Committee yesterday, but Pandit Malaviya pleaded for the participation of the Congress party at the London Conference.

LATER. Jawahar Lal Nehru, President of the All-India Congress, this morning, amid scenes of great excitement, hailed up the National Flag. A crowd of 30,000, including women, broke through the cordons of volunteers.

Cheers and cries of "Long Live the Revolution" greeted the speech of Jawahar Lal declaring that the flag was the symbol of India's unity. One unfurled it must not be lowered while a single person remained alive in India.

What Is Wanted.

"We want reality of power, not merely livery of office," declared Jawahar Lal Nehru in his presidential address at the opening of the Congress. Jawahar Lal advocated the immediate realisation of the letter and spirit of the resolution passed by the Congress Executive Committee recently.

He declared that when India's economic and social problems were solved communal differences would disappear. He described Dominion status as "a shadow of authority for a handful of Indians, but mere repression and exploitation of the masses."

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THIS EXTRALITY QUESTION.

ANSWERS FROM AMERICA AND FRANCE.

"MIGHT GRADUALLY BE RELINQUISHED."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 28. The extrality mandate was issued by the State Council to-day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. Referring to China's mandate abolishing extrality, Mr. Stimson is reported to have re-affirmed the readiness of the United States to enter into negotiations for the purpose of devising a method whereby extrality privileges might gradually be relinquished.

France's Reply.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The Chinese Minister called at the Foreign Ministry, and asked for France's intentions regarding the abolition of extrality. M. Briand replied that France was sympathetic to China's wishes on the matter, but was awaiting a reply to her invitation to China to submit proposals on the subject. He added that France would not agree to an immediate total abolition of extrality rights, which would be contrary to the Treaty of 1858.

Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. The State Department has not received any notification from Nanking regarding the mandate abolishing extrality, but it is reiterated here that any steps infringing on the extra-territorial rights of American citizens will be vigorously opposed.

YEN HSI SHAN AT WORK.

CRUSHING THE NORTHERN REVOLT.

SPOKESMAN TALKS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 29. It is learned from Taiyuanfu that as soon as Yen Hsi Shan has completed his conferences with Wu Tze Hui and Ho Cheng Chun (the former of whom is at present at Taiyuanfu), Yen is expected to go to Chengchow to direct operations against Tang Seng Chi.

At a meeting in Taiyuanfu yesterday bidding farewell to Yen Hsi Shan, his personal representative, Koo Jen Fa, made a speech in the course of which he said that Yen Hsi Shan in accordance with his policy, had not used force in connection with the recent Kuomintang revolt, as it was aimed against an individual. Hence his advice was that it should be settled by political means.

Now, however, Tang Seng Chi's revolt threatened to overthrow the Kuomintang Government and destroy the purpose of the revolution, and so Shansi was bound to send an expedition utterly to crush the revolt.

He informed the meeting that Shansi troops had already reached Hsuehsung, on the Kihnan Railway, while Government forces were approaching Chumantien. Meantime, the movements of the Kuomintang are causing some uneasiness. It is confirmed that they have occupied Loyang, while westbound trains on the Lunghai Railway cannot proceed further than Tzeshui, eastward of Kungshien. It is also reported that Sun Cheh Yuan's forces at Tungkuang, have started moving eastward.

Jawahar Lal dramatically asked, "How can we co-operate when our comrades lie in prison, and is there no guarantee that real freedom will come to us?" He added, "Despite the golden harvest and heavy dividends, mud huts, hovels and the nakedness of the people testify to the glory of the British Empire in India."

The Congress must demand for Labour a better life, and opportunities to control industry on a co-operative basis.

Strongly supporting the boycott of the Councils, Jawahar Lal declared that the boycott would release the energy necessary for a general strike, and movement of goods and foreign cloth.

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DOES IT LOOK LIKE PEACE?

CLOSED FISTS AT NAVAL CONFERENCE?

A HARD PROBLEM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 29. A continuous barrage of fire, which would make France's frontiers inviolable, is the effect claimed for the fortifications scheme for which the Chamber have authorised credits.

The system is the application of the famous theory of Vauban in the days of Louis XV. He was a great military architect, and proposed that use be made of natural defences, like roads, rivers, and mountains, and that recourse be had to methods of flooding, while fortifications, armed with machine guns, and heavy artillery would cover the railways and roads. A novel feature would be the use of "mobile fortifications," transportable rapidly by rail, from point to point.

The Socialist, M. Thomas, opposing the Bill, declared that he took no account of the developments of modern warfare. Cement fortifications could not resist modern methods of attack nor prevent hordes of enemy aeroplanes flying over France.

M. Maginot, Minister of War, in reply emphasised the necessity of protection against possible invasion, which was all the more urgent in view of the early evacuation of the Rhineland, and the recent reduction of the period of military service to one year.

France's Money.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The Chamber has voted large sums for naval and land defences, including a further instalment on the 1924 naval building programme, which provides for construction in 1930 of a total tonnage of 48,000, including one 10,000 ton cruiser, six destroyers, and six first-class submarines, and one submarine mine-layer.

The chamber also authorised credits of 33,000,000,000 francs for the organisation of frontier defences to be completed in 1935.

The French delegation to the Naval Conference headed by M. Tardieu, will leave for London on January 19. M. Tardieu will see Mr. MacDonald before the conference opens.

Mediterranean Matters.

The *Daily Herald* says that the outstanding danger facing the Naval Conference lies in a tendency which is very visible in the French memorandum, but is in no wise confined to France. The tendency for Admirals and experts, when confronted by the possibility of reduction in armaments, is to think that there is every reason for retaining as many ships as possible.

The *Daily Herald* also considers that public opinion in Britain will never consent to Britain's joining a mutual guarantee of a naval pact in the Mediterranean.

The *Daily Chronicle* considers that France's attitude suggests less help than hindrance, but draws attention to "one genuinely pacific proposal for a Mediterranean naval Locarno."

Spain Wants a Seat.

MADRID, Dec. 29. It is generally believed that General Primo de Rivera is negotiating for a seat at the forthcoming Naval Conference. It is understood that he considers that Spain, owing to her history, geographical position, and national importance is entitled to be represented at the Conference, particularly in view of the fact that she has an ambitious naval construction programme, and aims at increasing her merchant fleet.

Japanese Delegates In London.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference, headed by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at Southampton from New York to-day aboard the s.s. Olympic, which flew the Japanese flag at the ceremony.

The delegation was greeted by the Mayor. Interviewed by Reuters, Mr. Wakatsuki said they had come to London with great hope. Their conversations with the American authorities during their passage through the United States had been profitable, and he believed that in the interval before the assembling of the Conference, he and his colleagues would have similar opportunities for a frank exchange of views with the British authorities.

Much had already been accomplished in the preliminary British and American ambassadorial negotiations to clarify the respective positions of their three countries and the nature of the problems which they had to face in common. Japan, said Mr. Wakatsuki, wished to do her utmost to smooth the path of progress at the Conference. She ardently desired that not only a limitation of naval armaments but an actual reduction should be effected.

Japan would be satisfied with an inferior strength to Britain and the United States. All she asked was security for her Empire; she never thought of aggression.

Mr. Wakatsuki was confident that the Conference would enable her to co-operate freely and effectively with the other Powers in the attainment of the noble objectives of the Conference. He believed that by inspiring all nations with fresh confidence and

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"NO-PROPAGANDA" PACT.

TEXT OF THE NOTES ISSUED.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 27. The text is issued of the notes exchanged on December 20 between the newly appointed Russian Ambassador in London, M. Sokolnikoff, and Mr. Arthur Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, regarding propaganda.

M. Sokolnikoff in his note refers to Clause Seven of the protocol signed on October 3 last by the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, on behalf of the Soviet Government, and by Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the British Government, in which both Governments engaged themselves to confirm the pledge regarding propaganda contained in Article 16 of the General Treaty, signed on August 8, 1924, between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Great Britain.

He repeats the terms of that article, which were as follows: "The contracting parties solemnly affirm their desire and intention to live in peace and amity with each other; scrupulously to respect the undoubted right of a state to order its own life within its own jurisdiction in its own way; to refrain and to restrain all persons and organisations under their direct or indirect control, including an organisation in receipt of financial assistance from them, from any act overt or covert liable in any way whatsoever to endanger the tranquillity or prosperity of any part of the territory of the British Empire or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or intended to embitter the relations of the British Empire or the Union with their neighbours or any other countries."

Protocol Announced.

It was further agreed, he adds, that effect should be given to this clause of the aforesaid protocol not later than the day on which the respective Ambassadors presented their credentials.

M. Sokolnikoff proceeds "Having his day presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales letters according to me as the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to His Majesty the King, I have the honour by the direction of the Peoples' Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, and on behalf of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to confirm the undertaking contained in the Article quoted above, and to inform you that the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be happy to receive in accordance with Clause 7 of the Protocol of October 3, a corresponding declaration from His Majesty's Government in Britain and the Government of India."

Mr. Henderson, acknowledging receipt of the Note, says that in accordance with the undertaking between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as recorded in the Protocol of October 3, His Majesty's Ambassador in Moscow has been instructed to inform the Soviet Government that His Majesty's Government and the Government of India for their part also regard the undertaking contained in Article 16 of the treaty signed on August 8, 1924, as having full force and effect as between themselves and the Soviet Government.

A Note Verbal.

In a note verbal communicated to the British Foreign Secretary, the Soviet Ambassador says that the Soviet Government, in giving the undertaking contained in Article 16 of the treaty of 1924, confirmed by the foregoing notes, have considered that undertaking as extending also to the dominions of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State and Newfoundland. Consequently, as soon as the Government of any Dominion shall have regulated relations with the Soviet Government in such a manner as the circumstances may require, the Soviet Government will be ready to repeat on the basis of a reciprocity undertaking the matters referred to in a separate exchange of notes with any such Dominion.

Mr. Henderson states in reply that the attitude of the Soviet Government as indicated in the verbal note is being communicated to His Majesty's Governments in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Irish Free State and Newfoundland. At the instance of all these Governments he declares that each of them will regard the undertaking contained in Article 16 of the treaty of 1924 as having full force and effect as between themselves and the Soviet Government. Notes similar to the first two were also exchanged in Moscow.

enable her to co-operate freely and effectively with the other Powers in the attainment of the noble objectives of the Conference. He believed that by inspiring all nations with fresh confidence and

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HOW AIRSHIPS ARE BUILT.

GREAT CHANGE IN THE R.101.

EXPERTS' VIEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 29. A great change is to be made in the structure of the airship R.101.

This involves the cutting of the airship in two, and inserting another complete bay, with a gasbag of about 500,000 cubic feet. The effect of this change will be to increase the lift of the ship by probably six tons or more, and it will also bring its total length to about 800 feet, making the airship easily the biggest yet built, with a total gas capacity of 5,500,000 cubic feet.

It is emphasised that the operation will be a comparatively simple one. Each main frame, and the longitudinal girders of the ship, are held together by pin joints, and to put in an extra bay all that will be necessary, will be to uncouple the girders at the point of division, and hoist up into position the new ring with its gas-bag, and set of girders; and then recouple the ship up on each side of new section.

Naturally, the extra bay will be placed somewhere about the point of greatest girth, and it is calculated this will have next to no effect upon the streamline shape, nor will it increase the drag to any appreciable extent.

COMMANDER BURNLEY ON AIRSHIPS.

Considerable misapprehension seems to exist in regard to the opinions I have expressed about airships in my new book, "The World, the Air, and the Future," writes Sir Dennistoun Burnley.

I have been accused of attacking the R.101 as "obsolete"; of speaking almost as disrespectfully about my own ship, the R.100, without giving either vessel a chance of showing her paces; and I am charged with having gone over to the camp of the pessimists at a most critical moment in the history of airship development.

The upshot is that I am now popularly supposed to regard our two new airships as a wasted effort, and to have abandoned my faith in airships altogether—in fact, to have turned "King's evidence" in the matter, as one reviewer pleasantly put it. All of which is, of course, fantastic nonsense.

Experiments.

Only a small fraction of the book is taken up with a criticism of airships; and seeing that (1) I express my firm conviction that all the handicaps from which the present-day airship suffers will soon be eliminated, and that (2) throughout my book, which is before all else a plea for the air development of the Empire, I have insisted on the supreme importance of the airship in any system of Imperial air-communications, I can justly complain that my views have been misrepresented.

Let me say once and for all that I have nowhere stated that the R.101 is obsolete. Nor have I said anything in belittlement of either the R.100 or the R.101 as a constructional achievement.

Both ships are the last word in airship construction up to date, and each marks a definite advance in scheme of design and efficient performance on all previous airships.

But this does not mean that they are the last word in airship construction altogether; nor does it mean that they have given us a type of airship which we can be content to regard as final or commercial. Clearly they have not. These ships are experimental ships. That they will be able to put up good performances I have not the shadow of a doubt. This does not alter the fact that they are only experiments, as, in this early stage of airship development, they are bound to be.

What, asks the plain man, is the commercial use of a vessel which can only leave her shed in favourable weather, which requires several hundred men to handle her, and which cannot be docked on any and every day of the year?

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IS IT THE "MISSING LINK."

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY NEAR Peking.

POINTS ON EVOLUTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 29. Before an audience including British, American, Chinese, and French scientists, at the National Geographical survey yesterday, Dr. Davidson Black, Professor of Anatomy at the Peking Union Medical College, and others described the find made at Choukoutien, 40 miles from Peking as the skull of the *Sinanthropus*, the owner of which is stated to have roamed the western hills one million years ago, with the sabretoothed tiger.

Dr. Black said that the find was unique. A good deal of the skull was still imbedded in rock, but some of the matrix had been removed, showing the brain-case almost completely preserved, though most of the facial region was lacking.

Like the Java Ape Man he has massive brow ridges, but differs from the Java type, having well localised parietal eminences and well-developed frontal eminences, besides greater height skull, which point relatively to a greater brain capacity.

The good preservation of the lower jaw sockets will make easier the restoration of the lower jaw fragments discovered in 1928.

The perfection of the preservation of the skull will enable much to be learned which is now obscure concerning the evolution of the head in the region of early man.

M. Chardin, another expert, thought that the *Sinanthropus* was earlier than the Neanderthal man. Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, whose Central Asian expeditions set out primarily to search for the remains of early man, declares he would have given ten years of his life to have made this discovery.

reacted not a little on the airship position.

The Flying Boat.

For instance, in these five years the flying boat has increased enormously in range and carry capacity, so that up to a point the airship has now to compete with the flying boat as a long-distance craft.

In other words, the standard of utility demanded from the airship to-day is appreciably higher than it was when our two big airships were put in hand. Consequently, in an impartial survey of the air position, it was necessary to point out that though the potentialities of the airship as a long-distance vessel far surpass those of any other form of transport, she has not yet achieved a standard of efficiency such as will enable her to operate the great trunk routes of a world system of air communications in which both forms of heavier-than-air craft are already quite capable of being utilised.

At the same time I strongly emphasised my conviction that she eventually will.

Telegrams in Brief.

Senator Frederick Sackett of Kentucky, has been appointed to succeed Mr. J. G. Schurman as United States Ambassador to Berlin.

Subject to the stockholders approval, the Standard Steel Car Company, and the Osgood-Bradley Company are merging with Pullman Incorporated, in a \$400,000,000 combine.

The seven years' drought in Central Australia has at length been broken. Immensely beneficial rains have fallen all over Australia. The heaviest downfalls were in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales. Much damage was done to railways by the downfalls.

A Court of Enquiry is investigating the disappearance of Lieut. J. L. Jamieson, of the 2nd Royal Scots, from the transport City of Marseilles, shortly before its arrival at Southampton. Lieut. Davidson had been stationed with his regiment at Tientsin, and it is thought that he was lost overboard.

The construction of the tunnel connecting Europe and Africa will begin in January. Colonel Jevonis, author of the scheme for the tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar, has arrived at Tarifa, from Madrid, with a party of engineers. He has announced that the Spanish Government has approved a fresh grant to defray the cost of taking soundings, and sinking shafts.

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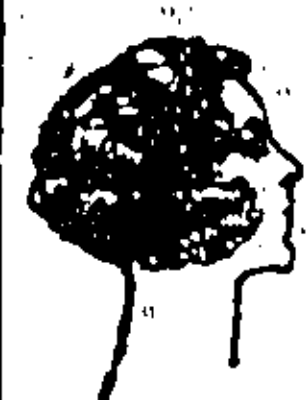
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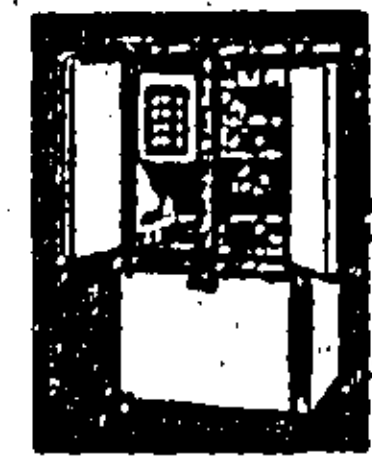
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HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

SENSATIONAL DEFEAT OF CELTIC.

"POMPEY" HOLDS WEDNESDAY.

Huddersfield Coming Up Again?

Saturday's football was notable by the defeat of Celtic, at home, by Morton. Huddersfield, "the team of all the talents" at the present day—at least, went to Leicester, and returned victors by the odd goal in three. "Pompey," who took on the League champions, and present leaders, achieved a very creditable draw.

Several matches had to be abandoned, due to bad weather, but a fairly full programme was carried out.

Results as cable by Reuter and revised League tables follow:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.	
Birmingham	1 Aston Villa
Bolton	2 Everton
Burnley	3 Manchester C.
Grimsby	4 Sheffield U.
Leeds U.	2 Arsenal
Leicester	1 Huddersfield
Liverpool	2 Middlesbrough
Manchester U.	1 Newcastle
Sunderland	1 Portsmouth
West Ham	2 Derby
	3 Blackburn

Division II.	
Bradford	3 Stoke
Bristol C.	0 Notts C.
Cardiff	1 Charlton
Millwall	3 Blackpool
Notts Forest	0 Chelsea
Oldham	2 Bury
Preston N.E.	2 Reading
Southampton	4 Barnsley
Swansea	2 Hull
Tottenham	1 Bradford
West Brom.	7 Wolves

* Abandoned on account of the weather.

† Postponed.

Division III. (Northern).	
* Accrington	1 Doncaster
Crawley	1 Carlisle
Darlington	0 Hartlepool
New Brighton	3 Barrow
Port Vale	3 Halifax
* Rochdale	1 Lincoln
Rotherham	1 Tranmere
Southport	0 Nelson
South Shields	3 Chesterfield
Stockport	0 Wrexham
York City	4 Wigan

* Abandoned on account of the weather.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.	
Celtic	0 Morton
Cowdenbeath	1 Queen's Park
Dundee U.	1 Hamilton
Falkirk	5 Dundee
Hibernians	0 Rangers
Kilmarnock	2 Hearts
Motherwell	4 Aberdeen
Partick	2 Ayr United
St. Johnstone	2 Airdrie
St. Mirren	3 Clyde

LEAGUE TABLES.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.	
Wednesday	21 13 4 4 53 24 30
Manch. C.	22 13 4 5 53 37 30
Derby	23 12 4 7 55 40 28
Aston Villa	23 12 4 7 49 41 28
Leeds U.	23 12 2 9 43 33 28
Liverpool	23 11 4 8 39 43 28
Leicester	23 10 4 9 41 48 24
Bolton	23 9 6 8 41 37 24
Huddersfield	23 10 4 9 35 38 24
Middlesbrough	23 10 3 10 52 44 23
Burnley	23 9 5 9 49 40 23
Manch. U.	23 10 3 10 55 43 23
Arsenal	23 9 3 11 50 33 21
West Ham	23 8 5 10 49 54 21
Blackburn	23 7 6 10 38 36 20
Birmingham	23 7 6 10 35 30 20
Portsmouth	23 7 6 10 35 30 20
Newcastle	23 6 1 13 43 58 18
Sunderland	23 7 4 11 33 44 18
Everton	23 5 7 12 39 53 17
Grimsby	23 6 4 12 37 53 16

Division II.	
Oldham	22 14 5 3 53 28 33
Blackpool	22 15 2 5 50 30 32
Chelsea	22 11 6 5 42 23 28
Bradford	23 10 6 7 43 42 26
St. Hampton	23 11 4 8 50 42 26
Cardiff	24 11 4 9 34 32 26
Wolves	23 10 5 8 48 40 25
Bury	22 11 3 8 44 39 25
West Brom.	22 10 4 8 43 40 24
Charlton	22 8 7 7 34 32 23
Notts F.	23 8 7 8 32 33 23
Hull	23 9 4 10 32 40 22
Stoke	23 8 6 10 43 40 22
Tottenham	23 7 7 9 29 36 21
Bradford C.	23 7 7 9 37 39 21
Preston N.E.	23 6 4 11 36 46 20
Millwall	23 5 9 9 37 40 19
Notts C.	24 4 11 9 30 40 19
Bristol C.	23 7 5 11 38 52 19
Reading	23 5 8 10 38 33 18
Barnsley	23 5 7 12 27 33 17
Swansea	23 5 5 13 31 41 15

Division III. (Southern).

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	21	14	6	1	54	18 34
Brentford	21	14	3	4	47	22 31
Brighton	21	13	4	4	48	27 30
W. Hampton	20	13	3	4	33	19 27
B. Plymouth	19	9	7	3	40	22 23
Crystal P.	24	9	6	9	44	40 24
Coventry	20	10	3	7	43	33 23
Scunthorpe	20	8	7	5	32	30 23
Fulham	21	9	5	7	39	40 23
Swindon	23	7	9	3	38	39 22
Queen's P.R.	20	7	8	5	29	31 22
Norwich	21	8	5	8	43	43 21
Walsall	22	7	5	10	40	45 10
Exeter	21	7	5	9	38	36 10
Torquay	22	6	10	7	37	43 18
Luton	21	6	5	10	33	47 17
Clapton O.	21	3	10	8	16	29 16
Watford	21	3	5	11	24	36 15
Newport	20	5	4	11	35	40 14
Bristol R.	20	5	4	11	38	45 14
Gillingham	22	5	4	13	20	45 14
Merthyr	19	2	6	11	20	33 10

Division III. (Northern).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Port Vale	22	16	3	3	56	23	35
Stockport	19	13	3	3	51	22	20
Darlington	21	11	3	8	49	38	25
Crews	20	11	2	7	45	29	24
Accrington	20	10	4	6	44	31	24
Carlisle	20	11	9	7	52	44	24
Southport	21	7	8	6	43	34	22
Nelson	21	9	4	8	31	39	22
S. Shields	21	8	5	8	33	38	21
York City	20	5	11	4	30	25	21
Lincoln	20	5	10	5	29	26	20
Wigan	21	8	4	9	38	30	20
Rochdale	15	8	3	7	41	42	19
Hartlepool	19	6	7	6	33	34	19
Tranmere	21	7	4	9	38	42	18
Chesterfield	20	7	4	9	31	35	18
Wrexham	22	6	10	30	40	40	18
Doncaster	21	7	3	11	30	39	17
Halifax	23	5	12	27	37	36	16
Rotherham	20	5	10	29	43	43	15
N. Brighton	21	7	13	28	33	53	15
Barrow	20	4	2	14	19	32	10

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	20	13	3	2	50	10 33
Aberdeen	22	14	4	4	52	34 32
Motherwell	21	13	3	5	49	30 29
Celtic	20	13	3	5	48	34 27
Partick	22	12	3	7	51	35 27

RUGGER.

CLUB V. NAVY.

A first of the triangular contest for the Club, Army and Navy was played on Saturday when the Clubs beat the Navy by 12 points to 7.

From the spectators point of view it was one of the best games seen this year. The ball was coming quickly and cleanly from the scrums and there were plenty of movements by the backs of both sides.

Quite apart from anything else, it was worth the journey to Happy Valley to watch the duel between Bonnar and Sayer, the opposing scrum halves. They were very evenly matched to begin with but Bonnar gradually obtained the mastery and towards the end was continually smothering his opposite number.

The Play.

There was no wind and the ground was in excellent condition though a bit hard in places, as some of the players found out during the game.

The Club started pressing and it was soon obvious that the backs were going to get more chances than last week as the heeling was much cleaner and quicker, both scrum halves getting the ball out, and Bonnar in particular throwing out some good passes.

The Club three got going and Hutchison sold a nice dummy before passing to his wing man who just failed to finish the movement. From a scrum Goldman made a good dash for the line but was well tackled by Webb. A quick heel from a scrum close to the line enabled Bonnar to feint to pass, swerve in and fall over the line for a good try which was not converted.

From the kick off the Navy pressed and made a lot of ground with a couple of three-quarter movements, and then the Club got going, the ball travelling out to Koop who gave a nice reverse pass to Lummert who was tackled before he could do anything.

The Navy came back and Grieve fielded a kick and made a lot of ground before passing to Goldman who ran strongly but gave a forward pass. McKay now made a strong run for the Navy and they nearly got through from a line out. Exciting play followed near the Club line and quick spotting prevented the Navy getting through. Goldman finally relieved with a good dribble.

A bout of midfield play ensued and Goldman gained a lot of ground with a good free kick to touch.

From the line out the three got going, Hutchison gaining a lot of ground and Koop running strongly to score far out. Goldman failed with a difficult kick. The Navy pressed and Aircraftsman Massey cut through cleverly and then swerved to the right but the movement fizzled out.

Second Half.

The Navy started pressing but Grieve gathered a long kick and sprinted up the touch line before getting in a magnificent kick to touch. The Navy were superior in the line out and broke away when three or four of the Club tried to gather the ball instead of falling on it, and it was left to Hutchison to bring off a great save.

Sayer trying to get a bit of his own back on Bonnar had had luck in getting off-side round the scrum, the ball for once hanging in the back row.

A faulty kick by Webb allowed the Club to gain ground. The Navy gained ground by breaking away from the line out and a poor clearance by the Club allowed McKay to drop a goal from a good way out.

The Navy continued to press and got over on the right only to be pulled back for an infringement.

The pace was beginning to tell and both packs were tiring, the game in consequence becoming somewhat scrappy. Failure of the Club to fall on the ball again let the Navy away with a good dribble which Grieve finally stopped with a great save.

The Club came back but Webb relieved with a good kick. A forward rush gained ground for the Club, and Lummert took play to the Navy twenty-five with a solo dribble.

From a scrum on the left Plummer exploited the blind side, shipped a tackle and made ground to put Goldman in for a try.

The Navy came again but Massey stopped the rush with a mark. The Navy tried a drop which failed but were not to be gainsaid and Buckley got over for a try after what appeared to be a palpable knock on. The kick failed.

Under increased pressure, the Navy started passing in their own twenty-five and a knock on allowed Goldman to intercept and dribble over for a try, the kick again failing. There was no further score and the Club finished victors by four tries (12 points) to a dropped goal and a try (7 points).

Comments.

The Club forwards made the victory possible by getting their share of the ball in the tight scrums and they seemed this week to have a much better idea of when to stop a forward rush and get the ball back with a quick heel.

Both scrum halves played a hard and excellent game and both took a grudging from the other in a spirit highly to be commended when it cannot be altogether pleasant to have one's nose continually ground into the earth!

Plummer and Fenton took their passes well but Plummer's defence wants a little stiffening up. Buckley was the pick of the Navy backs and tried hard to break through. Lummert was out of his position at centre but Hutchison and Koop did their jobs in a sound and unobtrusive manner. Goldman's speed was a great asset to the Club.

Both sets of three lay too close up in attack and quick spotting by the opposition broke up a lot of promising movements. Neither side exploited the short punt against backs who are lying right up.

Grieve was the better full back, Webb being safe in his catching and tackling but devoid of initiative in starting attacking movements when he had the chance.

Both sets of forwards kept going right to the end and were evenly matched in the scrum with the Navy a bit superior in the line out. The game was sympathetically refereed by Captain Deakin who gave a somewhat original reading of the law regarding knock ons!

Teams.

H.K.F.C.—R. J. Grieve; Rev. H. V. Koop; J. D. H. Hutchison; G. P. Lummert; L. Goldman; G. A. Plummer; J. D. Bonnar; D. A. Milne-Day; A. D. Sutcliffe; W. F. Peers; F. R. Burch; E. R. West; B. P. Massey (Captain); J. A. E. Rendrew; B. L. Stock.

Royal Navy—A. B. Webb (H.M.S. Cornwall); Aircraftsman Meacock (H.M.S. Hermes); Aircraftsman Massey (Hermes); Midshipman Buckley (Cornwall); Marine McKay (Cornwall); Lt. Fenton (Hermes) (Captain); Stoker Sayer (Cornwall); Lt. MacLean (Cornwall); Midshipman Griffiths (Cornwall); A.B. Knott (Cornwall); E.A.R. Ford (Cornwall); Stoker Roach (Cornwall); A.B. Paddon (Petersfield); St. P.O. Shutt (Seraph); E.R.A. Hammond (Hermes).

AIRCRAFT AND THE FAR EAST.

KOWLOON SUGGESTED FOR ASSEMBLY PLANT.

A SINGAPORE VIEW.

That Singapore is already attracting the attention of aircraft manufacturers, owing to its future possibilities as an airport, is shown by the arrival of Mr. F. W. Carey, a representative of the Fairey Aviation Company, of England.

Formerly a commissioner in the Chinese Customs Service, Mr. Carey was selected by the Fairey Company to visit the Far East and study the development of civil aviation. If that development justifies such an undertaking it is possible that the Fairey Company will establish an assembly and repair plant in Singapore but that proposal remains very much in the air at present.

Discussing his trip with a *Straits Times* representative, Mr. Carey pointed out the geographical advantages of Singapore as an airport and its future as a stopping place on the Imperial Airways route to Australia.

Discussing the proposal to establish an assembly plant serving the Far East, Mr. Carey suggested that the absence of such a plant at present must be a great handicap to civil aviation in this part of the world. He thought Kowloon was an alternative site for an assembly plant, but he emphasised in this connection that his company were thinking of the future rather than the present.

Forging the Last Link.

It may be added that the Batavia-Singapore service of the Dutch Indian Airways Company will be commenced early next year. The last link in the organisation is the emergency landing ground on the island of Singkep, between Singapore and Banka, which will be completed next month. When that is finished it is the intention of the Dutch company to open the service as soon as possible.

The journey to Batavia will take six hours, and it is understood that the fare will be about \$100. Permission has been granted for the machines to use the R.A.F. aerodrome at Seletar until the civil aerodrome for which land has already been reserved in the same locality—has been constructed. The co-operation of the Malayan Postal Department, with a view to keeping the planes, has also been arranged.

The next development will be the extension of the service to Medan, but whether this will be direct from Batavia, or via Singapore, or via Singapore and Penang, has not yet been settled.

The Dutch Indian Company has now been operating just over a year in Java and has met with phenomenal success and no serious mishaps. It is now running a Batavia-Bandoeng-Samarang-Sorabaya service and a Batavia-Palembang service.

Rumoured Service to Darwin.

It is also rumoured that a proposal to join with a British company in linking up with Port Darwin and the Australian air services is being considered.

The development of aviation in the Dutch Indies is not generally realised on this side, the journal adds. In Java alone there are no less than 33 landing grounds—most of them military—and three seaplane and flying boat bases. A chain of landing grounds is being gradually constructed in Sumatra, and a similar chain already exists through the main islands of the Archipelago to the south of Java.

YACHTING.

ARMY BEAT NAVY.

Another Navy v. Army sailing match, arranged yesterday by the R.H.K.Y.C. resulted in a win for the Army by 142 points to 129.

The morning race was won by Diana sailed by Col. Stewart and the afternoon race, when boats had been changed over, by Major Wernicke with Diana.

THE RESULTS.

Full results were as follow:—

Morning Race.

Course:—Channel Rocks (P.), Rumsey Shoal (P.), Channel Rocks (S.). Distance: 6.8 miles.

ARMY.

Boat	Captain	Points
Diana	Colonel Stewart (1)	17
Dorothea	Capt. Hutton-Hall (3)	12
Halcyon	Lt.-Col. Cardew (4)	11
Wings	Lt. Scott-Elliott (8)	11
Boojum	Major Tosh (3)	14
Zephyr	Capt. Shipsey (11)	6
Gael	Major Campbell (15)	2
Total		79

NAVY.

Boat	Captain	Points
Rolla	Major Miles, R.M. (9)	15
Colleen	Lt. Bassett, R.N. (7)	10
Daphne	Commodore Hill, R.N. (13)	4
Why Wonder	Pay-Comdr. Lambert, R.N. (8)	6
Bluenose	Lt. Bethell, R.N. (10)	7
Speedwell	Lt. Thomas, R.N. (5)	9
Lola	Lt. Fenton, R.N. (12)	3
Wendy	Inst. Lieut. Mackay, R.N. (16)	1
Total		59

Afternoon Race.

Course:—1 Kowloon Rock (S.), 2 Channel Rocks (S.), 3 Rumsey Shoal (P.). Distance: 5.1 miles.

ARMY.

Boat	Captain	Points
Rolla	Major Wernicke (1)	17
Colleen	Lt. Martin (4)	13
Daphne	Col. Stewart (9)	5
Why Wonder	Capt. Peyton (13)	4
Bluenose	Major Campbell (8)	11
Speedwell	Lt.-Col. Cardew (7)	10
Lola	Major Tosh (16)	1
Wendy	Capt. Shipsey (14)	3
Total		67

Morning Race Total 79

Grand Total

..... 145

NAVY.

Boat	Captain	Points
Diana	Lt. Bassett, R.N. (9)	15
Dorothea	Major Miles, R.M. (3)	14
Halcyon	Commodore Hill, R.N. (8)	9
Wings	Pay-Comdr. Lambert, R.N. (13)	7
Boojum	Comdr. Buckland, R.N. (5)	12
Adana	Lt.-Comdr. Fawant, R.N. (11)	8
Gael	Lt. Burgess, R.N. (15)	2
Zephyr	Lt. Hankey, R.N. (12)	5
Total		70

Afternoon Race Total 59

Grand Total

..... 129

Winners of Club Spoons on Handicap Times were:—

A.M. Race—Major Tosh, Lt.-Col. Cardew, and Col. Stewart.
P.M. Race—Comdr. Buckland, Lieut. Bassett, and Major Wernicke.

6th CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The Sixth Championship Race (Handicap Class) for racing yachts was sailed on Saturday over a course of 7.8 miles, from Channel Rocks (P.) to Kowloon Rocks (P.), Rumsey Shoal (P.), and Channel Rocks (S.).

The finished and corrected times are given below:—

Boat	Handicap Class	(Started 2.25 p.m.)	Times
Rolla (1)	4:10.57	4:10.57
La Linda (5)	4:18.32	4:17.53
Diana (4)	4:17.05	4:14.29
Colleen (2)	4:16.50	4:11.33
Dorothea (3)	4:16.23	4:12.37

"I" and "G" Classes.

(Started 2.30 p.m.)

Boat	Finishing Corrected
Daphne (9)	4:42.39
Alisa	Did Not Finish
Halcyon (1)	4:42.14
Gael (3)	5:03.10
Wendy (4)	5:10.05

"Y" Class.

(Started 9.35 p.m.)

Boat	Finishing Corrected
Why Wonder	Did Not Finish
Wings (4)	4:55.32
Bluenose (3)	4:48.55
Boojum (2)	4:47.16
Adana (5)	4:54.59
Zephyr (9)	5:12.04

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

Artificial fertilizers have been in brisk demand by farmers in the country districts. Chinese fertilizer is also selling well.

Canton Central Bank of China notes were quoted during the week-end 92 per cent. of their nominal value. It is expected that they will be at par before long.

The cotton yarn market is still rather slack though much better than it has been. A Shanghai telegram states that the market there is normal and prices unchanged.

The price of wrapping paper has been unusually high during the past few weeks, as arrivals from the East River districts were scarce. Lately the price has fallen a little.

There has been a healthy demand for sugar recently and prices have been steady. At present, the prices are lower owing to oversupply. Over 6,800 tons were lately imported by Hong Kong from Java and Peru.

Business in Wuchow has been receiving since ships between that port and Hong Kong resumed. Large consignments of goods are being imported and exported. Prices of foodstuffs and commodities are now normal.

Merchants dealing in edible marine products are doing one third less business this year than usual. Business in the restaurants has been slack and this has effected the trade. Prices are 20 per cent. higher than usual.

Manufacturers of perfumes and toilet articles are doing much less business this year on account of increased local competition. Toilet articles of superior quality come from France but they are not in great demand. During last year, over a million dollars' worth of locally-made face cream was sold in Canton alone.

Owing to falling off of demand from Europe and America, silk filatures and silk merchants have suffered very heavily. During the last two weeks, there have been practically no inquiries by foreign merchants and prices have been so low that about seventy per cent. of the merchants have sustained losses, which are estimated at over \$1,000,000 for the year.

FUNG KEONG RUBBER MANUFACTORY.

SHOWROOM FORMALLY OPENED.

On Saturday the Fung Keong Rubber Manufactory formally opened its show room for retail business at 243, Des Voeux Road, in the presence of a large gathering of prominent Chinese merchants. Amongst those representing the Management were Mr. Fung Keong, the proprietor and chief manager, Messrs. Fung Iu Wing and Tang Tze Nam, sub-managers, and Mr. Fung Yat Hing, the works manager. The firing of a long string of fire-crackers heralded the inaugural ceremony and refreshments were served afterwards.

The Fung Keong Rubber Manufactory is a Chinese concern established six years ago and now one of the largest rubber manufactories in China. On the early days there were only a hundred workmen, today the payroll roll has reached the 800 figure. The head office and factory which is well-equipped with modern machinery are situated at Shaikwan, North Point. Besides the Hong Kong factory there are two branch factories in Canton each employing 400 workmen.

The Manufactory turns out rubber shoes for sports and general wear. The firm has been doing a flourishing wholesale business in Hong Kong and in China generally, having a good export business to the Straits Settlements, Java, Siam and Indo-China.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 11 of this issue.]

MACAO RACE.

The Final Results.

The final results of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's race to Macao and back (distance about 90 miles) are as follow:—

Commenced at 7.30 a.m. on December 26. Finished and corrected times:

Boat	Finished Corrected
Norse (1)	12:37.04/27 9:19.04 (Lt.-Comdr. L. Addington)
Queen Bee (2)	1:08.43/27 9:47.08 (Major H. Hutton)
Cerule (3)	2:27.27/27 10:19.48 (Major T. G. Tosh)
U. and I. (4)	5:52.47/27 3:42.09 (Mr. H. S. Rouse)
Chinook (5)	3:18.04/28 5:48.40/27 (Mr. L. F. Nicholson)
La Cigale (6)	7:00.34/27 7:00.34 (Mr. N. Croucher)
Typhoon (7)	11:21.39/28 4:26.46/28 (Mr. W. D. Russell)

Wanderer, Azuma and Coquette did not finish.

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Pres. Harrison.....Sun. Feb. 9, 8 a.m.	Pres. Wilson.....Sun. Mar. 23, 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Pierce.....Dec. 31, 6 p.m.	Pres. McKinley Jan. 13, 6 p.m.
Pres. Jackson.....Jan. 4, 8 p.m.	Pres. Jefferson Jan. 28, 6 a.m.
Pres. Taft.....Jan. 14, 6 p.m.	Pres. Grant.....Feb. 1, 6 p.m.

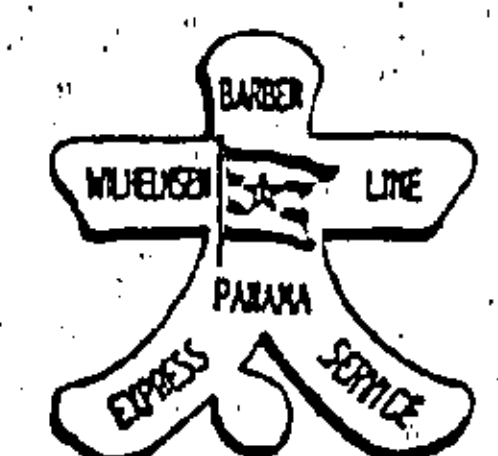
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£1,000,000 HAUL IN THREE WEEKS.

At least £1,000,000 has been gained, says a London paper, by means of what are regarded as the cleverest paper money forgeries ever known. The gang responsible has worked all over the world.

The forgeries have been of American Federal Reserve hundred-dollar (£20) bills.

Urgent warnings have now been sent by the headquarters of banks and money exchange agencies to every branch in every country.

The instruction was to avoid dealing in the bills until experts have given their opinion whether the bills are genuine or forged.

It is believed that the forgery "factory" is in America, but that the forgers are operating from Russia.

Proper Paper.

The forgeries are so cleverly executed that it took experts three weeks to discover inaccuracies. One of the greatest difficulties facing the banking experts was that genuine paper was used for the bills.

A banking house with thousands of branches all over the world first noted the forgeries.

A comma was missing, and the enterprising manager reported to headquarters in New York.

A genuine note and a suspected bill were then examined, and two discrepancies were noted, and so the cleverest forgery on record was discovered.

"This particular forgery is the largest I have known in the whole of my experience," said the manager of a London bank.

"Not only have the forgers been clever in their work of reproduction, but they were sufficiently cunning to use the correct paper. Bank-notes of a lower denomination of the same size as the hundred-dollar bill were bleached until they were clear of all print. Then the blank bills were printed with finely-etched photo-mechanical plates.

Thousands in Use.

"There was nothing in the appearance of the notes to create suspicion, and thousands were exchanged in all parts of the world. Our forgery expert ultimately discovered that while on the face of the genuine note the seal is finished off with a fine hair-line outside edge, this line is missing from the forgery.

"Also a comma is missing after the word 'Washington' on the reverse side of the note. Only a white speck is to be seen on the bogus notes after this word.

"It is thought that at least £1,000,000 has been handed over for the forgeries in all countries, but the extent of the ultimate loss to the banks and tourist agencies cannot be tallied yet. The amount involved must be colossal.

"We have known for some time that expert forgers have been at work in Russia, and that bank-notes of all countries with international credit have been forged. We are always discovering forgeries, but never have we kept track of such a large number of forgeries as the present hundred-dollar notes."

ARRIVALS.

November 27.
Demodocus, British str., 4,183 tons,
Capt. J. L. Sprott, from
Birkenhead, Holt's Wharf—
B. & S.

November 28.
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons,
Capt. J. A. McCulloch, from
Swatow, Stonecutters—B. & S.
Bengal Maru, Japanese str., 5,395
tons, Capt. S. Kusano, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—
N.Y.K.

Bintang, Danish str., 1,725 tons,
Capt. V. L. Reister, from Hoi-
how, buoy No. B30—John Man-
ners & Co.

Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt.
F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong,
buoy No. C48—M.M.

Chengte, British str., 1,338 tons,
Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Hoi-
how, buoy No. C40—B. & S.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,203 tons,
Capt. E. Sanada, from Swatow,
Stonecutters—O.S.K.

Ermland, German motor ship, 6,521
tons, Capt. H. Engell, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—
Jensen & Co.

Halvard, British str., 1,317 tons,
Capt. W. Lee, from Haiphong,
buoy No. C17—Wo Fat Sing.

Hermord, Norwegian str., 840 tons,
Capt. C. Anderson, from Can-
ton, Stonecutters—Thoresen &
Co.

Hilda, Italian str., 2,974 tons, Capt.
A. Atkari, from Liverpool,
Kowloon Wharf—Lloyd Trieste.

Hsin Chang, Chinese str., 1,258 tons,
Capt. C. C. Ma, from Canton,
China—Merchants' Wharf—
C.M.S.N. Co.

Hubro, Norwegian str., 1,026 tons,
Capt. H. Haagenen, from
Samarinda, Yaumati—Kwong
Sang Loong.

Huichow, British str., 1,322 tons,
Capt. C. M. Gellie, from Can-
ton, buoy No. C37—B. & S.

Hydrangea, British str., 361 tons,
Capt. P. W. Grierson, from
Swatow, Chiou Wharf—Chiou
on S.S. Co.

Khyber, British str., 3,674 tons,
Capt. L. A. Bedwell, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A1—Mac-
kinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Kinzan Maru, Japanese str., 998
tons, Capt. Matsumoto, from
Shanghai and Swatow, buoy
No. C44—N.Y.K.

Koenigsberg, German str., 3,978
tons, Capt. A. Rickle, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A4—Mel-
chers & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons,
Capt. J. D. Milne, from Hoi-
how, buoy No. B13—B. & S.

Newchwang, British str., 1,890 tons,
Capt. P. Green, from Shanghai
and Swatow, buoy No. B20—B.
& S.

Oostkerk, Dutch str., 3,002 tons,
Capt. J. Gunther Mohr, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A6—
J.C.F.L.

President Garfield, American str.,
10,495 tons, Capt. G. Cullen,
from San Francisco and Shang-
hai, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar
S.S. Line.

Pronto, Norwegian str., 1,283 tons,
Capt. B. Moller, from Swatow,
buoy No. C39—Chin Seng
Hong.

Sunkland, British str., 3,067 tons,
Capt. H. E. Bronghton, from
Calcutta, buoy No. B51—Gibb,
Lingstone & Co.

Takada, British str., 2,245 tons,
Capt. J. G. Lindon, from Singa-
pore, Kowloon Wharf—Mac-
kinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt.
A. N. Taylor, from Weihaiwei,
buoy No. B34—B. & S.

Tonier, Norwegian str., 1,949 tons,
Capt. E. Stormer, from Canton,
buoy No. B50—Dodwell & Co.

Tonkin, French str., 966 tons, Capt.
J. Bonnard, from Haiphong
and Port Bayard, buoy No. C19
—M.M.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons,
Capt. J. d. de Lemos, from Port
Bayard, buoy No. C43—Chup
Yick S.S. Co.

Yat Shing, British str., 1,424 tons,
Capt. C. Alexandre, from Can-
ton, buoy No. C33—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.

November 29.
Empress of Canada, British str.,
21,510 tons, Capt. S. Robinson,
C.B.E., C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.,
from Vancouver, B.C., Kowloon
Wharf—Canadian Pacific Rail-
way Co.

Honolulu Maru, Japanese str.,
5,750 tons, Capt. O. Muto, from
Singapore, buoy No. A5—
O.S.K.

Kuramasan Maru, Japanese str.,
1,133 tons, Capt. Y. An-
do, from Keelung, buoy No.
C49—M.B.K.

Luchow, British str., 1,321 tons,
Capt. W. Layton, from Can-
ton, buoy No. B13—B. & S.

Melville Dollar, American str.,
4,319 tons, Capt. O. Arnesen,
from Amoy, buoy No. A25—
American Mail Line.

President Madison, American str.,
21,000 tons, Capt. David C.
Austin, from Manila, Kowloon
Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str.,
1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura,
from Swatow, buoy No. C15—
N.Y.K.

Tikaranga, Dutch str., 2,094 tons,
Capt. R. Homan, from Amoy,
buoy No. J.C.F.L.

November 30.
The following passengers arrived
yesterday by the R.M.S. Empress
of Canada, from Shanghai:—Mr.
B. C. Butler, Mrs. A. E. Duff,
Misses M. G. and L. Galt, Mr. J.
E. Jacobsen, Mr. W. Lee, Dr. C.
E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Orr,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Mr.
A. D. Small, Mr. L. Vales, Mr.
and Mrs. Beeching, Mr. and Mrs.
L. R. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. P. J.
Austin, Mr. H. A. Bartlett, Mr.
and Mrs. A. A. Brady, Mr. G. E.
Coke, Mr. D. J. Chen, Mr. K. W.
Chang, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Chen,
Lady S. Chow, Dr. and Mrs. G. C.
Clayton, Mrs. W. M. Christie, Mr.
R. Chao, Mr. J. Curtis, Miss S.
A. Cheng, Mr. L. K. Chen, Mrs.
W. K. Chun, Mr. F. R. Davey, Mr.
and Mrs. P. Gockchin, Mr. J.
Gubbay, Mr. A. J. Heard, Miss S.
Harston, Mr. S. Harston, Mr. and
Mrs. P. H. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. P.
K. Huang, Mr. and Mrs. E.
Hueschelrath, Mr. K. Z. Hung,
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ho, Mr. T.
Y. Kwan, Mr. M. C. Lee, Mr. C.
T. Kai, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Lam,
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Liang, Mr. K.
Lau, Mr. A. G. Pexton, Mr. W. J.
Riddiford, Mrs. H. W. Sun, Miss
S. Sun, Mr. C. C. Tsai, Mr. Y. W.
Tong, Mr. K. E. White, Mr. S. Y.
Wong, Mr. K. C. Wong, Mr. C.
K. Yang, Mr. T. K. Wei, Mr. K.
Xip, Mr. T. Takashi, Mr. G. W.
Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mrs.
Law Shee, Master Leong, Mr. Yip
Moy Shoon, Master Tun Moy Dow
Shoon, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Yee
Fong, Mr. Yee Chew Him, Mr. Yee
Ngom, Mr. Yee Quock Tom, Mr.
Louis Share Yung, Miss B. Apple-
by, Miss L. Hough, Mr. L. John-
son, Mr. V. F. Worcester, Mr. E.
Lee, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Mr. H. K. Lee,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison and
three children, Mrs. Gock Poy and
infant, Mr. Hui Yim Shuck, Mr.
Kwong Wai Fong, Mr. Lock Sou
Tin, Mr. Lan Hi Shou, Mr. Wong
Sou Jack, Mr. P. T. Chuek, Mr.
C. S. Chen, Miss S. Y. Chen, Mr.
K. Y. Chow, Mr. K. F. Chang, Mr.
Y. N. Cheng, Mr. Y. P. Chen, Mr.
T. F. Chen, Mrs. C. Chen, Mr. C.
K. Chen, Mr. P. Y. Chen, Miss
L. M. Fleet, Miss W. M. Penfold,
Mr. Y. K. Fan, Mrs. T. T. Kwok,
Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lind, Mr. C.
H. Luis, Mr. K. H. Lee, Mr. T.
Y. Li, Mrs. S. T. Loh, Mr. P. S.
Liu, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Miao,
Master Miao, Mrs. A. Mark, Mrs.
S. Mak, Mr. and Mrs. Y. K. Ng,
Miss and Master Ng, Mrs. C. Y.
Pun, Miss A. M. Pun, Mr. and
Mrs. C. S. Pun and two children,
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shih and two
children, Mr. K. P. Su, Mr. Y. C.
Sun, Mr. S. C. Sung, Mr. K. Z.
Tsang, Mr. S. W. Y. Tsang, Mr. S.
Yau, Mr. S. C. Leung, Mrs. Yung
Sze, Mrs. Z. M. Pushong, Miss
D. Pushong, Miss M. Corn-
well, Capt. L. E. Hay, and Mr.
H. M. Raisin. Through passengers:
Mrs. M. C. Alexander, Mrs. C. A.
Martin, Mr. J. E. Owen, Mrs. M.
Safford, Mrs. E. A. Stockton,
Major A. M. Thompson, Mr. F. G.
Villamil, Mrs. O. G. and Miss
Trent, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cham-
bers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner,
Hon. Mr. Jus. McCarthy, Mrs. E.
M. McKay, Miss H. M. Pond, Mr.
J. C. Lennie, Mr. B. G. Ryan, Mr.
and Mrs. R. L. Reddy, Miss M. F.
Asuehenko, Mr. W. L. Griffiths,
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith, Mr. E.
Jackson-Casse, Mr. O. A. Blake,
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake, Mr. A.
Buchanan, Mr. F. Carmona, Mrs.
E. E. Grimes, Miss R. F. Javier,
Mr. G. P. McLean, Mr. E. W.
Snyder, Mr. E. Barnalds, Rev. H.
Steinfert, Miss L. Heck, and Mrs.
P. Del. Rosario.

The following passengers left by
the s.s. Sawa Maru for Europe on
December 29:—Mr. B. Sugino, Mr.
F. Ishiyama, Mr. J. Fujimoto, Mr.
S. Yamaguchi, Dr. and Mrs. J.
Montgomery, Mr. J. V. C. Davis,
Dr. Harry Allan, Mr. I. Okamoto,
Mrs. P. S. Fan, Mr. A. G. Dovey,
Mr. S. Umetani, Mr. U.
Inoue, Mr. J. Korenatsu, Mr. K.
Watanabe, Mrs. J. McKie, Mrs.
Cheung Shi, Miss Kam Wai Chum,
Mr. Luis Schwartz, Mr. M. Otsuki,
Mrs. C. Otsuki, Mr. J. A. dos Re-
medios, Mrs. Berta do Remedios,
Miss Alice Maria Odes Azevedo
Cardosa, Miss G. Archer, Mr. and
Mrs. B. C. Ewer, Mr. J. A. Dean,
Mr. O. Okamoto, Mr. H. Moto-
hashi, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. Tang
Chor Hang, Consul General and
Mrs. A. C. do Albuquerque e Castro,
Miss Albuquerque e Castro,
Mr. T. Ouchi, Mrs. Ouchi, Mr.
Kanzaki, Mr. T. Takashi, Mr. S.
Ishimi, Mr. Y. Takahashi, Mrs.
Takahashi, Miss M. da Conceicao
Cardoso, Dr. T. S. Nuzer, Mr.
Eng Shiu Poo, Mr. Lin Tye Tse,
Mr. Yang Bin Tin, Mr. M. Oha,
Mr. I. Okaki, Dr. A. Lucas, Miss
N. Okaki, Miss Murray, Mr. Y.
Yasui, Mr. Y. E. Ahlstrom, Mr.
H. Y. Davey, Mr. C. Y. Davey,
Mrs. J. H. Davey, Miss B. Davey.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived
yesterday by the R.M.S. Empress
of Canada, from Shanghai:—Mr.
B. C. Butler, Mrs. A. E. Duff,
Misses M. G. and L. Galt, Mr. J.
E. Jacobsen, Mr. W. Lee, Dr. C.
E. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Orr,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Mr.
A. D. Small, Mr. L. Vales, Mr.
and Mrs. Beeching, Mr. and Mrs.
L. R. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. P. J.
Austin, Mr. H. A. Bartlett, Mr.
and Mrs. A. A. Brady, Mr. G. E.
Coke, Mr. D. J. Chen, Mr. K. W.
Chang, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Chen,
Lady S. Chow, Dr. and Mrs. G. C.
Clayton, Mrs. W. M. Christie, Mr.
R. Chao, Mr. J. Curtis, Miss S.
A. Cheng, Mr. L. K. Chen, Mrs.
W. K. Chun, Mr. F. R. Davey, Mr.
and Mrs. P. Gockchin, Mr. J.
Gubbay, Mr. A. J. Heard, Miss S.
Harston, Mr. S. Harston, Mr. and
Mrs. P. H. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. P.
K. Huang, Mr. and Mrs. E.
Hueschelrath, Mr. K. Z. Hung,
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ho, Mr. T.
Y. Kwan, Mr. M. C. Lee, Mr. C.
T. Kai, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Lam,
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Liang, Mr. K.
Lau, Mr. A. G. Pexton, Mr. W. J.
Riddiford, Mrs. H. W. Sun, Miss
S. Sun, Mr. C. C. Tsai, Mr. Y. W.
Tong, Mr. K. E. White, Mr. S. Y.
Wong, Mr. K. C. Wong, Mr. C.
K. Yang, Mr. T. K. Wei, Mr. K.
Xip, Mr. T. Takashi, Mr. G. W.
Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mrs.
Law Shee, Master Leong, Mr. Yip
Moy Shoon, Master Tun Moy Dow
Shoon, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Yee
Fong, Mr. Yee Chew Him, Mr. Yee
Ngom, Mr. Yee Quock Tom, Mr.
Louis Share Yung, Miss B. Apple-
by, Miss L. Hough, Mr. L. John-
son, Mr. V. F. Worcester, Mr. E.
Lee, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Mr. H. K. Lee,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison and
three children, Mrs. Gock Poy and
infant, Mr. Hui Yim Shuck, Mr.
Kwong Wai Fong, Mr. Lock Sou
Tin, Mr. Lan Hi Shou, Mr. Wong
Sou Jack, Mr. P. T. Chuek, Mr.
C. S. Chen, Miss S. Y. Chen, Mr.
K. Y. Chow, Mr. K. F. Chang, Mr.
Y. N. Cheng, Mr. Y. P. Chen, Mr.
T. F. Chen, Mrs. C. Chen, Mr. C.
K. Chen, Mr. P. Y. Chen, Miss
L. M. Fleet, Miss W. M. Penfold,
Mr. Y. K. Fan, Mrs. T. T. Kwok,
Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lind, Mr. C.
H. Luis, Mr. K. H. Lee, Mr. T.
Y. Li, Mrs. S. T. Loh, Mr. P. S.
Liu, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Miao,
Master Miao, Mrs. A. Mark, Mrs.
S. Mak, Mr. and Mrs. Y. K. Ng,
Miss and Master Ng, Mrs. C. Y.
Pun, Miss A. M. Pun, Mr. and
Mrs. C. S. Pun and two children,
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shih and two
children, Mr. K. P. Su, Mr. Y. C.
Sun, Mr. S. C. Sung, Mr. K. Z.
Tsang, Mr. S. W. Y. Tsang, Mr. S.
Yau, Mr. S. C. Leung, Mrs. Yung
Sze, Mrs. Z. M. Pushong, Miss
D. Pushong, Miss M. Corn-
well, Capt. L. E. Hay, and Mr.
H. M. Raisin. Through passengers:
Mrs. M. C. Alexander, Mrs. C. A.
Martin, Mr. J. E. Owen, Mrs. M.
Safford, Mrs. E. A. Stockton,
Major A. M. Thompson, Mr. F. G.
Villamil, Mrs. O. G. and Miss
Trent, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cham-
bers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner,
Hon. Mr. Jus. McCarthy, Mrs. E.
M. McKay, Miss H. M. Pond, Mr.
J. C. Lennie, Mr. B. G. Ryan, Mr.
and Mrs. R. L. Reddy, Miss M. F.
Asuehenko, Mr. W. L. Griffiths,
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith, Mr. E.
Jackson-Casse, Mr. O. A. Blake,
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake, Mr. A.
Buchanan, Mr. F. Carmona, Mrs.
E. E. Grimes, Miss R. F. Javier,
Mr. G. P. McLean, Mr. E. W.
Snyder, Mr. E. Barnalds, Rev. H.
Steinfert, Miss L. Heck, and Mrs.
P. Del. Rosario.

Departures.

The following passengers left by
the s.s. Sawa Maru for Europe on
December 29:—Mr. B. Sugino, Mr.
F. Ishiyama, Mr. J. Fujimoto, Mr.
S. Yamaguchi, Dr. and Mrs. J.
Montgomery, Mr. J. V. C. Davis,
Dr. Harry Allan, Mr. I. Okamoto,
Mrs. P. S. Fan, Mr. A. G. Dovey,
Mr. S. Umetani, Mr. U.
Inoue, Mr. J. Korenatsu, Mr. K.
Watanabe, Mrs. J. McKie, Mrs.
Cheung Shi, Miss Kam Wai Chum,
Mr. Luis Schwartz, Mr. M. Otsuki,
Mrs. C. Otsuki, Mr. J. A. dos Re-
medios, Mrs. Berta do Remedios,
Miss Alice Maria Odes Azevedo
Cardosa, Miss G. Archer, Mr. and
Mrs. B. C. Ewer, Mr. J. A. Dean,
Mr. O. Okamoto, Mr. H. Moto-
hashi, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. Tang
Chor Hang, Consul General and
Mrs. A. C. do Albuquerque e Castro,
Miss Albuquerque e Castro,
Mr. T. Ouchi, Mrs. Ouchi, Mr.
Kanzaki, Mr. T. Takashi, Mr. S.
Ishimi, Mr. Y. Takahashi, Mrs.
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Yasui, Mr. Y. E. Ahlstrom, Mr.
H. Y. Davey, Mr. C. Y. Davey,
Mrs. J. H. Davey, Miss B. Davey.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Agria due from Europe Jan. 23.
Aki Maru due from Japan Jan. 21.
Akita Maru arrived from Japan
Dec. 28.
Albert Vaegler due from Europe
Jan. 25.
Aller due from Europe Dec. 30.
Altai Maru due from Japan Jan. 8.
Angers due from Shanghai Jan.
13.
Antenor due from Shanghai Jan.
22.
Augsberg due from Shanghai Jan.
19.
Awa Maru due from Japan Jan.
10.
Bellerophon arrived from Europe
Dec. 28.
Benares due from Europe Feb. 7.
Bokyo Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 23.
Bronxville due from Europe Jan.
18.
Burgeland due from Europe Jan.
9.
Calulu due from Australia Jan. 10.
City of Hereford due from Europe
Jan. 15.
City of Kobe due from Europe Jan.
22.
City of Mandalay due from New
York Jan. 16.
City of Salisbury due from New
York Jan. 22.
Coblentz due from Europe Jan. 17.
D'Artagnan due from Shanghai
Dec. 29.
Danmark due from Shanghai Jan.
4.
Demodocus due from Europe Jan.
26.
Diomed due from Shanghai Jan. 7.
Dolius due from Europe Jan. 4.
Duchessa d'Aosta due from Europe
Jan. 20.
Durban Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 10.
Empress of Asia due from Vancouver
Jan. 4.
Emp. of Canada arrived from
Shanghai Dec. 29.
Emp. of Russia due from Van-
couver Jan. 12.
Ermland arrived from Singapore
Dec. 28.
Franken due from Europe Jan. 25.
Esquiline due from Europe Jan.
25.
Fushimi Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 10.
General Metzinger due from
Europe Jan. 14.
Genoa Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 8.
Glenamoy due from Europe Jan.
6.
Glenap due from Europe Jan. 30.
Glenary due from Europe Jan.
18.
Glenshane due from Europe Dec.
30.
Hakozaki Maru due from Japan
Jan. 24.
Hector due from Europe Jan. 10.
Hillda due from Shanghai Jan. 24.
Isar due from Shanghai Jan. 7.
Ixon due from Europe Jan. 7.
Iyo Maru due from Japan Jan. 20.
Java due from Europe Jan. 9.
Javanese Prince arrived New York
Dec. 25.
Jeypore due from Japan Jan. 25.
Kamakura Maru due from Japan
Jan. 2.
Karmala due from Europe Jan. 17.
Khiva due from Japan Jan. 17.
Kidderpore due from Europe Jan.
9.
Kitano Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 6.
Korea Maru due from Europe Jan.
12.
Kunang due from Europe Dec.
31.
Lahore due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Laomedon due from Europe Jan.
25.
Macedonia due from Europe Jan.
20.
Mantua due from Europe Jan. 2.
Mentor due from Europe Jan. 21.
Mirzapore due from Japan Jan. 21.
Mishima Maru due from Shanghai
Dec. 30.
Nagano Maru due from Singapore
Jan. 5.
Nellore due from Australia Jan.
6.
Oldenburg due from Shanghai Jan.
10.
Panama due from Shanghai Jan.
22.
Philoctetes due from Europe Jan.
5.
Pres. Adams due from Shanghai
Jan. 25.
Pres. Garfield arrived from Shang-
hai Dec. 28.
Pres. Jackson due from Shanghai
Jan. 3.
Pres. Madison arrived from Manila
Dec. 29.
Pres. McKinley due from Shanghai
Jan. 17.
Pres. Pierce due from Shanghai
Dec. 30.
Pres. Polk due from Shanghai Jan.
11.
Pres. Taft due from Shanghai Jan.
12.
Rajputana due from Shanghai Jan.
3.
Remo due from Penang Jan. 2.
Saarbrücken due from Shanghai
Jan. 10.
Shirala due from Singapore Jan.
10.
Sphinx due from Europe Jan. 1.

Springbank due from New York
Jan. 1.

St. Albans due from Japan Jan. 1.

Taiping due from Australia Jan.
7.Takada arrived from Singapore
Dec. 28.Takiwa due from Singapore Jan.
20.

Tajamba due from Japan Jan. 3.

Taima due from Singapore Jan. 7.

Tamba Maru due from Singapore
Dec. 31.Tatsuno Maru due from Europe
Jan. 13.Teny Maru due from Shanghai
Dec. 31.Tilawa due from Singapore Feb.
10.

Tijbadak due from Java Jan. 8.

Tjikarang arrived from Java Dec.
29.Tjikembang due from Amoy Dec.
30.Tjileboet arrived from Amoy Dec.
29.

Tjisalak due from Java Jan. 3.

Tjisara due from Java Jan. 18.

Tjisondari due from Java Jan. 22.

Totori Maru arrived from Japan
Dec. 27.Viminal due from Shanghai Jan.
6.TO-DAY'S WIRELESS
PROGRAMME.BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON
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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news.

12.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration
programme.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.

5 to 6 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V.
and Victor records supplied by
Messrs. Moutrie.Pirates of Penzance, Selection,
and "Ivanhoe," Selection (Sul-
livan). The Band of H.M. Cold-
stream Guards."Like the Big Pots Do" (Long)
and "I Think of What You
Used to Think of Me" (Turk,
Hanley and Lyman). Graeie
Fields, Comedienne."The Waltz Dream," Vocal Gems
(Strauss) and "The Merry
Widow" Vocal Gems (Lehar),
Light Opera Company."Forever" (Ager) and "In the
heart of the sunset" (Nicholls),
Reginald Foot."Nell Gwynn," Dances (Edward
German), New Symphony Orch.
"Parted" (Tosti) and "Down the
Vale" (Moir), Esiee Ackland."The Garden of Allah" (Marshall)
and "Star of the East" (Lohr),
Peter Dawson, Bass Baritone."Light Cavalry," Overture, Parts
1 and 2 (Von Suppe), Victor
Symphony Orchestra.

7 to 7.15 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and
Victor records supplied by
Messrs. Moutrie."The Desert Song," Vocal Gems
(Roubert) and "The Blue
Mazurka," Vocal Gems (Lehar),
Light Opera Company."Take a Look at Mine" (Dougherty)
and "Reviews" (Fragson),
Graeie Fields, Comedienne."Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6"
(Liszt), Mischa Levitzki."Nirvana" (Adams) and "Moun-
tain Lovers" (Squire), John
Turner."Hold Everything," Selection (De
Sylva, Brown and Henderson)
and "She's Funny That Way"
(Moret), New Mayfair Orch."Over the Garden Wall" (Henry
and Horridge), John Henry."Solveig's Song" ("Peer Gynt"
Grieg) and "Lo, Hear the
Gentle Lark" (Bishop), Mavis
Bennett."The Merry Widow" Selection
(Lehar), De Groot and His
Orchestra."Maire My Girl" (G. Aitken) and
"For You Alone" (Gogh),
John Turner."Nightingales, Beatrice Harrison
playing Chant Hindu" and
"Londonderry Air"."When Summer Is Gone" (Har-
rison and White) and "I Got
a Code" in My Doze" (Hill-
fields, Hall and Rose), Graeie
Fields, Comedienne."Before I Go to Sleep" (Dyren-
forth and Carroll) Gibbons,
Anona Winn with Harold
French and George Baker."The Lay of the Lady's Voe"
(Dyrenforth and Carroll) Gib-
bons, Anona Winn with George
Baker, Harold French and
Leonard Henry."Londonderry Air" (arr. Cole-
man) and "Le Cygne" (Saints
Saeas), De Groot (Violin),
David Bor (Pianoforte), H. M.
Calve (Cello)."Zigeuner" ("Bitter Sweet"
Coward), Peggy Wood."If Love Were All" ("Bitter
Sweet" Coward), Ivy St. Helier."Just What I Thought" (Bennett
and Carlton) and "Eggs, Toast
and Coffee" (Merrill), Dora
Maugham and Walter Fohl."Aldershot Command Searchlight
Tattoo," Massed Pipe Bands of
the Aldershot Command.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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Amoy & Shanghai	KANOWH	On 5th Jan.	10 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	KAYING	On 5th Jan.	11 a.m.
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December 29d. 10h. 55m.—The northern portion of the anticyclone is moving eastward leaving a separate anticyclone central over N. China.
Freshening monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1, 69.71 inches, against an average of 83.06 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 30.

District.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks ... N. winds, fresh.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist, colder.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist, colder.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 29.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	30.10	30.02
Temperature	73	64	63
Humidity	69	91	81
Wind	ENE	Calm	N
Direction	ENE	Calm	N
Force	3	0	10
Weather	0	ODF	10
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.03

Highest open-air Temperature, 28.74

Lowest open-air Temperature, 19.64

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=F

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	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
Leave	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
Arrive	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
Leave	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
Arrive	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
Leave	Apr. 4	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
Arrive	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	May 3
Leave	May 3	May 10	May 13	May 15	May 24
Arrive	May 6	May 13	May 16	May 18	May 27
Leave	May 24	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14
Arrive	May 27	Jun. 3	Jun. 6	Jun. 8	Jun. 17
Leave	Jun. 14	Jun. 21	Jun. 24	Jun. 26	Jul. 5
Arrive	Jun. 17	Jun. 24	Jun. 27	Jun. 29	Jul. 8
Leave	Jul. 5	Jul. 12	Jul. 15	Jul. 17	Jul. 26
Arrive	Jul. 8	Jul. 15	Jul. 18	Jul. 20	Jul. 29
Leave	Jul. 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 5	Aug. 7	Aug. 16
Arrive	Jul. 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 19
Leave	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Aug. 37
Arrive	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 9
Leave	Aug. 37	Sept. 3	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 17
Arrive	Aug. 40	Sept. 6	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
Leave	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Sept. 27	Sept. 29	Sept. 38
Arrive	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Sept. 30	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
Leave	Sept. 38	Oct. 4	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 18
Arrive	Sept. 41	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 12	Oct. 21
Leave	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Oct. 39
Arrive	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 11
Leave	Oct. 39	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 9	Nov. 18
Arrive	Oct. 42	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 21

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Jan. 13, 5 p.m.	Jan. 15	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
Feb. 3, 5 p.m.	Feb. 5	Feb. 5	Feb. 7

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AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Jan.
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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
BOKUYO MARU ... Monday, 27th Jan.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape
Town & Port.
KAMAKURA MARU ... Thursday, 2nd Jan.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.
TATSUNO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &
Marseilles.
+ DURBAN MARU ... Friday, 10th Jan.

CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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Shipping News Week-End Statement. Waterfront News.

WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 44,000 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
64,000 TONS;

The cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the week-end ending at 9 a.m. yesterday carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

For Saturday 9 a.m.

British	Cargo for	Through
Khyber,	H. K.	Ports.
Yokohama	60	2,000
Tean, Dalny	450	1,840
Halvard,	Haiphong 2,000	—
Chengte,	Haiphong 1,000	—
Huichow,	Canton —	60
City of		
Durham,		
Dunkirk	200	4,000
Mirzapore,	Bombay	5,000
Hydrangea,	130	—
Swatow	—	4,530 — 12,900

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
Japanese	9	5
American	3	1
French	1	0
German	1	2
Dutch	1	0
Italian	1	0
Danish	1	0
Norwegian	1	1
Chinese	3	5
Total	21	16

Yesterday 9 a.m.

British	Cargo for	Through
Empress of	H.K.	Ports.
Canada	Vancouver	1,170
Luchow	Canton	500
Yutshing	Canton	280
Newchwang	Shanghai	220
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